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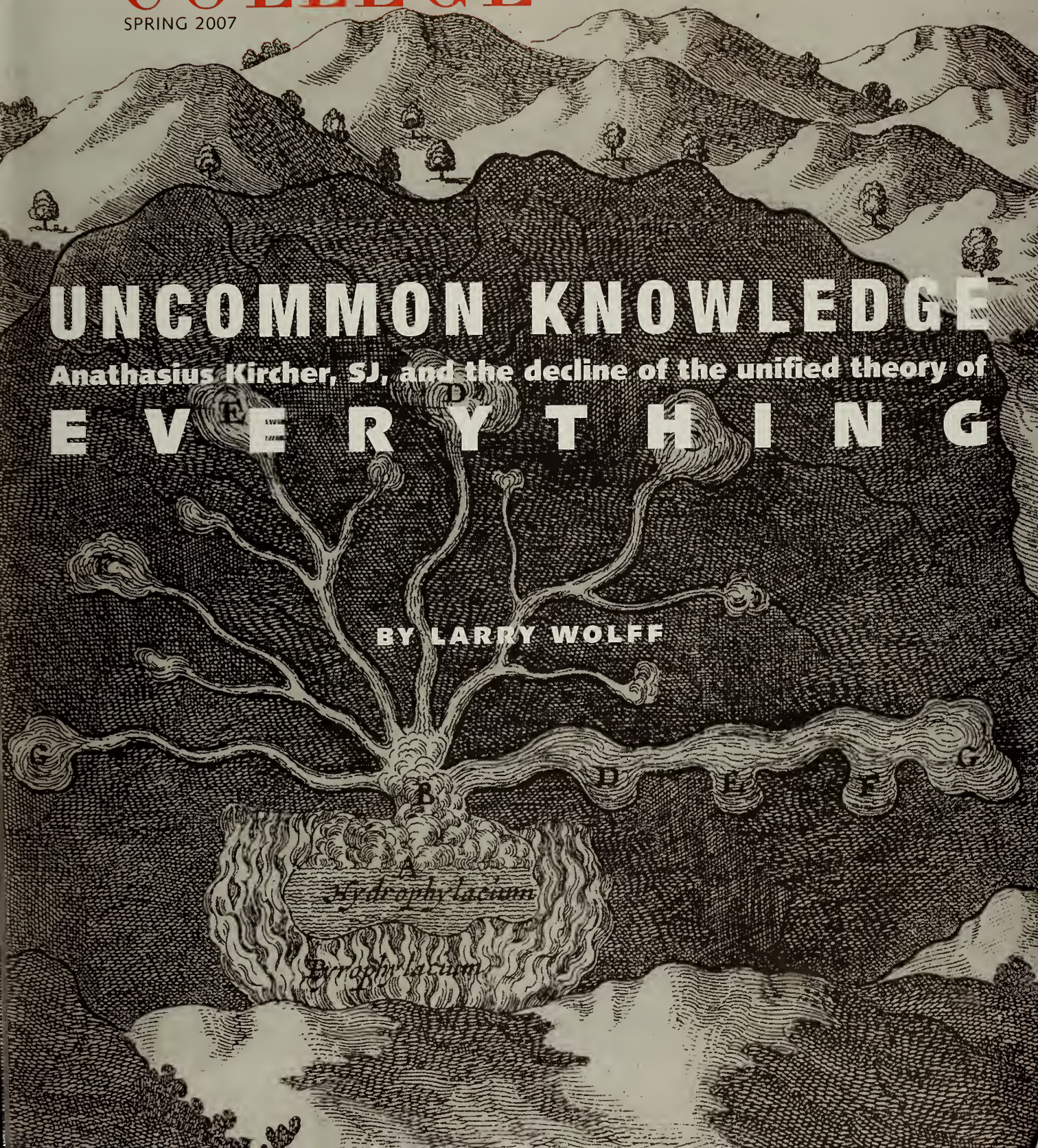
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## UNCOMMON KNOWLEDGE

Anathasius Kircher, SJ, and the decline of the unified theory of

## EVERYTHING

BY LARRY WOLFF





# PROLOGUE

## LECTURE CIRCUIT

ON MAY 7, 1959, SIR CHARLES PERCY SNOW delivered himself of Cambridge University's Rede Lecture, since 1858 an esteemed platform for intellectuals with something of importance to say to an educated public. A former (unsuccessful) research physicist and a successful novelist, Snow spoke on "The Two Cultures and the Scientific Revolution." He made these arguments: 1) Worldwide problems such as hunger could be eradicated through science. 2) University education in Great Britain needed to be reformed so that science was particularly valued and nourished. 3) Science and literature had developed distinctive and mutually isolating anthropologies that impoverished both realms. 4) "Literary intellectuals were natural luddites" while scientists had "the future in their bones," were more "moral" than other intellectuals, and supported a culture that "contains a great deal of argument, usually more rigorous, and almost always at a higher conceptual level, than literary persons' arguments."

In all, Snow was declaring victory for science in a tussle that had perturbed England since the early 17th century, when Francis Bacon claimed intellectual eminence for "natural philosophy," maintaining, in a foreshadowing of some of Snow's views, that "knowledge is the rich storehouse for the glory of the Creator and the relief of man's estate." In the following century, while the "divine clockmaker" of the Enlightenment ticked His tocks and England basked in the reflected glory of Isaac Newton's genius, William Blake fired back from the literary side of the cultural divide:

The Atoms of Democritus  
And Newton's Particles of light  
Are sands upon the Red sea shore,  
Where Israel's tents do shine so bright.

Allied with Blake were the Luddites, who rose up to destroy the "dark Satanic mills," and Mary Shelley, who in *Frankenstein; or, the Modern Prometheus*—a book partly inspired by Galvani's reports on his use of electric current to make frogs' legs dance after they were detached from the frog—expressed the fears that many Britons brought to the contemplation of natural philosophers run rampant. (The word "scientist" would be deliberately invented a few decades later—by scientists—as a precise counterweight to "artist.")

The battle went on through the 19th century, with Wordsworth, Coleridge, and the rest of the Romantics gang cheering on one side ("Sweet is the lore which Nature brings/ Our meddling intellect/ Mis-shapes the beauteous forms of things:—/ We murder to dissect")—while admirers

of evolutionary theory, such as the obstreperous T.H. Huxley (best known for his nickname "Darwin's bulldog"), righteously boosted for the other. It was Huxley who, in 1880, in another public lecture, declared that science had become a more important component of culture than literature. This brought the poet and literary critic Matthew Arnold to the Rede platform in 1882. Aiming directly at Huxley—"the question is raised whether, to meet the needs of our modern life, the predominance ought not now to pass from letters to science"—Arnold said absolutely not, as science and art were simply separate literatures, with science necessary for collecting raw materials, and literature necessary for refining those materials into rich cultural wisdom.

Some 80 years later, when Snow ascended the podium, his vision of science and literature spinning away from each other in cultural space, the former a sun of stupendous and growing power, the latter a cooling, dying star, the distance between them already unbridgeable, made newspaper headlines and propelled the published version of his essays through seven editions in three years. For a society raised on stories of the Tree of Knowledge and the Tower of Babel, and lately having had to come to terms with death factories, atomic bombs, and Sputnik, the implications were clear and frightening.

And they remain so, the balance of power between "the two cultures" ever more unbalanced. Pfizer or Knopf? *Wired* or *New York Review of Books*? Hawking or DeLillo? MIT or Amherst? Is there any doubt about which among these entities would have first priority for stowing in the hold of the ship carrying colonists toward Alpha Centauri?

Snow is pretty much a forgotten man today, his science lost and his novels forgotten (his 11-book "Strangers and Brothers" sequence was once compared with *Remembrance of Things Past*). Of his Rede lecture, much has, with justice, been discredited, particularly his praise of Russia's industrial competence, and rhetorical stupidities such as assigning modernist writers a responsibility for "bringing Auschwitz that much nearer." But "two cultures" lives on.

In one of the more recent explorations of the theme, the University of Virginia's Paul Cantor writes (in reference to the *Frankenstein* story) that "science can tell us *how* to do something, but it cannot tell us whether we *should* do it." That imagining of "should" or "should not" is the responsibility and gift of "literary culture," Snow would say—and all else aside, that's a pretty fair lesson to take home from an old lecture.

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—BEN BIRNBAUM

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# LETTERS

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

I was delighted to read Jane Whitehead's article "Public Defender" (Winter 2007). I am familiar with some of the work of Dr. Philip Landrigan '63, both in my capacity as a municipal assistance coordinator for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and as a mother. In my work, I assist cities and towns to promote recycling and reduce waste, and to address the use of hazardous chemicals at schools and other municipal properties. As a mother of two, I've taken to heart Landrigan's writing on pesticides in the diets of infants and children. The National Children's Study will provide critical data, informing the effort to raise healthy children.

To reduce BC's environmental impact, I would suggest reviewing the chemicals used in science labs, art studios, dorms, and other buildings, and on the grounds. One small step would be to print this magazine on recycled paper with soy-based inks.

*Kathi Mirza '88*

*Randolph, Massachusetts*

## SERVICE-CENTERED

Re "Blowback," by John Agresto '67 (Winter 2007): Mr. Agresto's cynicism is palpable and suggests that everything he tried to do in Iraq was hopeless. But I believe he should be proud of his efforts to make a difference. As for his comments about the brashness of our young soldiers swearing at civilians, Mr. Agresto should be tolerant and forgiving of the young men and women who volunteer for a job that most BC graduates do not choose to do.

History will determine whether the United States had good intentions and prioritized its efforts correctly. I admire all Americans who take on the difficult jobs in service of our country.

*Kathy Barkulis P'04*

*Deer Park, Illinois*

## COLLEGE PLACEMENT

In "Schools of Thought" (Winter 2007), Michael Buckley, SJ, teases the reader with claims of "significant improvement" in the

quality of Jesuit education in the last 50 years, yet he offers no metric. He labels an earlier form of Catholic higher education "custodial" and describes contemporary classical efforts pejoratively as "counter institutions."

Counter to what? To the present "support for religious and humanistic values" and "variant lines of Catholic tradition and thought," we are told. Mormon, Episcopal, Methodist, and Baptist universities, and the Catholic teachings of non-Jesuit orders, also espouse a melding of humanism with natural law and Scripture. How, then, do they differ from Buckley's vision of Jesuit or Catholic?

*Richard H. Fitzgerald, MD, '66*

*Mount Pleasant, South Carolina*

We have a clear idea of where Pope Benedict XVI stands on liberal Catholic colleges. Fr. Buckley can rationalize all he wants, but I don't think he will be convincing to this pontiff.

*Paul C. Ryan '55*

*Walpole, Massachusetts*

## WEATHER, NOT

The picture on page 47 of the Winter issue is described as having been taken on campus on Tuesday October 6, 1953. Yet the students are wearing overcoats, there are no leaves on the trees, and there are small mounds of snow—conditions that never would occur so early in the season.

*Charlie Gallagher '58, MA '60*

*Concord, Massachusetts*

I read with interest the piece by Michael Buckley, SJ, in the Winter 2007 issue. However, the caption to its accompanying photograph appears to be incorrect in terms of not only the date, but also the event. My unscientific feel for the season would lead me to suppose that the image was taken in the month of March. We might be viewing a gathering of the Holy Name Society, or some sort of Lenten procession, or even a semireligious gathering such as a dedication ceremony. If it were an



outdoor Mass (not likely in winter), I don't think the men would be wearing hats.

*Richard A. Duffy, MBA '84  
Arlington, Massachusetts*

*Editor's Note: Messrs. Gallagher and Duffy are correct in spotting an error. While the photo was received on October 6, 1953, by a Boston College official, the verso, according to University archivist David Horn, reads, "Gasson outdoor rally, c. 1953. Please credit John Murphy, Boston Record American." BCM would welcome hearing from readers about the actual nature of the rally.*

## ELABORATIONS

I like that the essay on Dietrich Bonhoeffer ("Resistance," by William Bole, Fall 2006) includes the writings and reflections of individuals who still draw inspiration from the German pastor's resistance to Hitler.

The Nazi death machine also killed a young German Jesuit named Alfred Delp in 1945. Delp belonged to a group of German intellectuals called the Kreisau Circle who met during the rise of national socialism to plan a campaign of nonviolent resistance to Hitler. The Nazis executed him and some of his colleagues in 1945.

The following link will provide more information for interested readers:

[www.companysj.com/v211/delpajesuit.htm](http://www.companysj.com/v211/delpajesuit.htm).

*Gene Roman '82  
New York, New York*

With all due respect, and in the interest of grammatical correctness, Dietrich Bonhoeffer was not "hung," but "hanged."

*Cindy Stafford '08  
Boston College*

## MURPHY'S HOURS

Fr. Francis Murphy passed away on August 28 at the young age of 71. More than a good friend, he was also a great mentor and motivator—to me and to thousands of BC students over the years. Sometimes when I was in town on business, I'd stop by Carney Hall unannounced. Entering the first-floor hallway, you would instantly know whether he was in his office: If you saw a line of students wrapped around the corner, you knew Murphy was in. If no students were in the hallway, I'd slip a note under his door, which was always rewarded with a call or letter a few days later.

"Murph," as he signed his letters, was one of our history professors sophomore and junior year. I had a tough junior year. Though I was just one of his many students, Murph somehow recognized it, and he came to visit me at Walsh Hall one evening. We talked for an hour and he put my situation in perspective in a way that even an unsure-of-himself 19-year-old could understand. Murph made you think with his questions, as well as his answers to your questions. He gave a homily at my wedding in 1994 that my dad still talks about.

*Doug Guyer '83  
Phoenixville, Pennsylvania*

I first heard of Fr. Frank Murphy in October of my freshman year. My friend Tom who lived down the hall had come back to the dorm in the early afternoon looking entirely fatigued, and I asked him where he had been. He told me that he had been playing racquetball with his history professor. "Whatever you do," Tom said, "take a class from Fr. Murphy before you graduate. He's the best."

In my final semester at BC, I enrolled in a course that Fr. Murphy co-taught on post-World War II Europe. In what appeared to be an intentional deviation from BC's early dot-com-era emphasis on integrating technology into the learning process, Fr. Murphy softly informed us on the first day of class that he did not know how to use e-mail, never checked his voice-mail, and would much rather we visit him during his office hours or, preferably, meet him for lunch.

Within a month, I had been consumed by one of the now-forgettable (but at the time all-consuming) self-imposed dramas that tend to plague the lives of college seniors right around the time that lengthy writing assignments are due. Needing an extension and lacking any other recourse to contact my professor, I went to Fr. Murphy's office in Carney Hall and knocked on the door. Entering his office was like traveling through time: The old man sat behind a metal desk in a nearly empty office, flanked by a black rotary-dial telephone and a manual Smith-Corona typewriter. I introduced myself. He already knew who I was and was concerned because I had missed class and failed to hand in my assignment. Before I could explain, he remarked that it was

unseasonably warm, and asked me if I would like to talk with him while taking a walk across campus.

Doubtless knowing full well what I had come to ask him, he engaged me in a rather lengthy conversation about every conceivable subject except the one about which I most wanted to talk. He was concerned with my impression of the class, the history of my family, my post-college goals, and my plans for the weekend. When I was finally able to make a feeble attempt at explaining the circumstances that led to my absence, he apologetically informed me that it would not be fair to my classmates if I had extra time to complete the assignment and that he would have to reduce my grade accordingly. "Get the paper to me when you can," he told me, "but check back with me next week and let me know if everything else has worked itself out." To no one's surprise—except maybe my own—the drama subsided, and the paper was completed within a couple of days. When I returned to Fr. Murphy's office the following week, he feigned surprise at both.

Tonight, I attended a gathering hosted by BC alumni in the Dallas area for high school students admitted through BC's early admission program. Several of the students wanted to know why they should choose BC over other prestigious schools to which they had also been admitted, and I tried to tell them about the relationships that many undergraduates at BC have with members of the faculty.

*Matt Kita '98  
Dallas, Texas*

*Editor's Note: On page 40 of the Winter 2007 issue, the photograph of the U.S. Supreme Court chamber should have been credited: © Richard A. Bloom/Corbis. Also, Law Professor Daniel Kanstroom, whose work in creating the Boston College Immigration and Asylum Project was described in "Staying Here" (Spring 2006), has recently published Deportation Nation: Outsiders in American History, with Harvard University Press. The book is available at a discount via [www.bc.edu/bcm](http://www.bc.edu/bcm).*

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Chain-link fencing went up on the west and south sides of 94-year-old **Gasson Hall** to secure the building for exterior refurbishing, including replacement of virtually all the building's cast stone roof ornaments. The project, which will intermittently silence Gasson's bells, may last as long as 18 months, depending on weather. ✂ Boston College students placed 16th among 201 colleges nationally by **recycling** an average 27 pounds of trash each during a 10-week competition. ✂ **Tuition** for 2008–09 was set at \$35,150. ✂ In what Professor Michael Resler characterized as a **"tsunami year"** for German studies, 13 seniors were awarded Fulbright Fellowships through the department, eclipsing the record of eight that was set two years ago. ✂ Law and undergraduate students founded nonprofit **volunteer organizations** to aid the poor in Macedonia and Nicaragua, respectively. ✂ **John (Jack) Foley** '56, a founder of the University's audiovisual department and who is believed to have held the record for years of continuous employment on the Heights, died on March 18, at the age of 78. Between 1948 and his retirement in 2006, Mr. Foley, noted a friend, "did everything at BC except say Mass." ✂ **Cheryl Presley**, the popular vice president for student affairs for the past seven years, announced that she would be leaving Boston College in June to work full-time on her writing and research. ✂ A physicist, a chemist, a geologist, and two computer

scientists have been awarded five-year career development awards totaling \$2.5 million by the **National Science Foundation**. ✂ In a *Princeton Review* survey, parents of college applicants ranked Boston College as their sixth dreamiest **"dream school,"** behind Stanford, Princeton, Harvard, Brown, and Notre Dame. ✂ A woman Law student (and undergraduate alumna) appeared in a photograph in a sports-n'-suds magazine distributed in Boston bars wearing a BC pennant and briefs, engendering a flurry of grave **op-ed pieces and letters** in the *Heights*. ✂ The Carroll School of Management's undergraduate program was **ranked 14th** in the nation by *Business Week*. ✂ More than 700 students went on spring break service trips in March, including 631 participants in the **Appalachia Volunteers Program**. ✂ Infielder Johnny Ayers '08 became the first human being to bat against Daisuke Matsuzaka in a **Red Sox** uniform, when the Eagles faced Boston's newest local hero in an exhibition game in Florida on March 2. Matsuzaka had said weeks earlier at a press conference that his first pitch in the major leagues was going to be a fastball, and it was, and Ayers ripped it into left field for a double. (BC lost, 9-1.) In other Red Sox news, CSOM dean Andrew Boynton, asked by the *Boston Herald* to provide the Sox with management tips, warned against overvaluing "team harmony." ✂ Thirty-one **Irish studies scholars** from around





**HAPPY ENDING**—Five films earned Daniel DeStefano '07 a total of 11 nominations over the years for the Baldwin Award, Boston College's equivalent of the Oscar for student filmmaking. But the gold spray-painted eagle statuette always went to the competition. At the third annual red-carpet ceremony on March 30, Michael Civile, adjunct faculty in the fine arts department, bestowed on DeStefano the event's first-ever special award for "lifetime achievement." Alfred Hitchcock never won an Oscar, Civile noted. Out of 32 films, senior Nelliana Kuh's *Untitled* took the award for Best Picture.

New England gathered cozily in the Connolly House living room on an April Saturday and offered five-minute presentations on works in progress, including these startling conjunctions: "Joyce and Wittgenstein," and "Swift's Cannibals and the National Debt." ✂ The annual *Heights* April Fool's issue revealed that President Leahy had joined the men's basketball team. **"The geezer can ball, yo!"** point guard Tyrese Rice '08 allegedly said. ✂ *Dialogue*, a journal of high-minded literary essays, and *Epicenters*, an arts journal, joined *Elements* (a hard-case research journal) and *Ethos* (a hard-case bioethics journal) in the growing crowd of **ambitious (and typo-free)** periodicals invented, developed, edited, and published by under-

graduate students. ✂ The annual **Dance Marathon** raised "\$52,371.76" for the Franciscan Hospital for Children, in Boston. ✂ "CEO hints Times Co. won't sell *Globe*," announced the *Boston Globe* the day after Times CEO **Janet L. Robinson** spoke at a Carroll School luncheon. "Times Co. chief won't flatly rule out sale of *Boston Globe*," said the *Boston Herald*. ✂ Seniors Allen Best and Mandy Castle became the first Fulton Debate duo-team to qualify for the **National Debate Tournament** in all four years of their college debate careers. The University's debaters finished the year ranked eighth in the country. ✂ In an effort to foster "self-knowledge, reflection, and [mature] decision making," the

Boston College **advising center** will no longer accept declarations of majors by freshmen. ✂ Student groups at **St. Joseph's University** announced that they would "adopt" the Eagles football squad, thus acquiring "a football team without the heavy financial burden," noted Daniel Harris, who led the effort toward sentimental affiliation. Athletics has entered into conversation with administrators and students at the Philadelphia Jesuit institution about ticket sales. There is no word yet on whether modifications are planned to the St. Joe's rally cry: "The hawk will never die!" Ben Birnbaum

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The Daughters of Abraham meet in Bapst Library

# Getting to know you

by Cara Feinberg

Christian, Muslim, Jew

I never had an Oreo cookie until I was a rebellious teen," a dark-haired woman in her late forties told the dozen women sitting with her around a conference table. Nodding toward a plate of nonkosher sweets at the table's center, she explained that she had grown up in an Orthodox Jewish household; cookies containing lard had been off-limits.

The women, variously Muslim, Jewish, and Christian, have been coming together more or less monthly since last spring to exchange their thoughts on and experiences of religion. The tiny room where they sat in Bapst Library, brightened by gothic-arched stained-glass windows, suddenly was alive with questions:

"You never snuck a bite?" asked a young woman in a hooded BC sweatshirt.

"What happened if you ate one by accident?" asked another.

"The first bite is an accident, the second a sin," the woman said, smiling. Soon

the group was trading spirited stories of forbidden foods: the struggle to give up sweets for Lent; the letdown of kosher imitation cookies; the longing, in a strict Muslim household, for Pop Tarts.

They call their group Daughters of Abraham, and the women—BC students, faculty, and staff and several from outside the University—range in age from 18 to nearly 80. The launchpad for conversation is always a novel, poetry collection, essay, or film that engages in some way the three Abrahamic religions. Emily Neumeier '08 started the group as a sophomore. The art history major (with a Middle Eastern and Islamic studies minor) had read in the *Christian Science Monitor* about an all-women's interfaith meeting by that name in nearby Cambridge. Neumeier, who is Episcopalian, contacted one of the members, an Episcopal minister. The original group, she learned, was assembled in 2002 by Edie Howe, a member of the United

Church of Christ, who was inspired by an interfaith service she attended on the evening of September 11, 2001. Four additional groups have since formed in the Boston area; the only university-based gathering is at Boston College.

The events of September 11 also bring many of the women to the table at Boston College. "Knowing how little most Americans understand about our culture, I thought it was dangerous for me *not* to do my part," says Newton's Nazik Kazimi, a parent of two BC graduates, Yasmeen '99 and Omar '02. Kazimi, a Massachusetts-born first-generation Lebanese-American, has spoken at local schools about Muslim beliefs and practices. "Many children and adults—BC members included—are missing basic facts," she says. For instance, most non-Muslims are surprised to learn that Islam venerates the Virgin Mary, says Kazimi: "We believe in all of the Old Testament prophets; to us, Jesus is a prophet like Mohammed."

The atmosphere at meetings is intimate and casual. "We talk about things openly and comfortably, from books to politics to marriage and sex," says Nasreen Hosein '10, a Massachusetts native raised in an observant Muslim household who has extended Catholic family. Citing the group's all-female composition, she says, "Men would certainly add to our discussions, but it would change the dynamic."

"We come together because we want to learn on an emotional level . . . as daughters, mothers, and grandmothers interested in each other's lives," says Adeane Bregman, a Bapst librarian who was raised in the Jewish faith. "We'd have come before 2001 if we'd thought of it."

In fact, there was a forerunner on campus, 11 years ago. Associate Theology Professor Ruth Langer, who is a rabbi, began Trialogue, an interfaith discussion group that met quarterly over dinner in McGuinn Hall to hear speakers from the Abrahamic faiths. Initially made up of theology graduate students and faculty, the group eventually broadened to include others from the Boston College community and area universities. They met from 1996 until the spring of 2001, when Langer went on sabbatical. With its academic impulse, Trialogue was coed. However, Langer notes, for traditional Muslims and



Jews, whose “public realms are gender-separate,” a single-sex environment may be essential for open conversation.

Langer, who is associate director of the University’s Center for Christian-Jewish Learning, sees some drawbacks to a dialogue. “The discussions that develop between any two traditions,” she says, “take a direction defined by the nature of those two.” Add a third, and talk will become “more superficial,” because the commonalities are fewer. Even so, she notes, “there is value” in multifaith discussion groups “if our goal is to serve [American] society.” And it may be, she says, that the “commonalities of experience in a group of all women (or all men) . . . provide a basis of similarity from which one can more readily compare real difference.”

ON A BRISK NOVEMBER AFTERNOON, the meeting in Bapst Library drew seven undergraduates, three faculty and staff, and two women from Cambridge and Newton. The reading this month was light fare, *The Ritual Bath* (1986) by Faye Kellerman—a whodunit in which an Orthodox Jewish woman and a gentile male detective solve a crime committed in a *mikveh*, a traditional bathhouse for Jewish women. “It’s not Dostoevsky,” said Neumeier, “but it is definitely a page-turner.” The book was a marked departure from their previous choice, *What’s Right with Islam Is What’s Right with America* (2005), an examination of shared beliefs by Feisal Abdul Rauf, a New York City imam and founder of the American Society for Muslim Advancement. As always, the women had chosen the work by consensus.

To help guide discussion, Neumeier had invited Rona Fischman of the original Cambridge group, who grew up in an Orthodox Jewish household. Although several of the BC members are Jewish, few in the group were familiar with Orthodox practices, and the meeting began as a Q&A session. Fischman translated Yiddish words and explained traditions mentioned in the book, including the importance of a *sheitel*, or Orthodox woman’s wig, and the *mikveh*, where observant married Jewish women undergo ritual cleansings after menses before they can engage in sexual relations with their husbands.

“For me, it was heartening to see all the similarities between Orthodox Judaism and Islam,” said Farhat Husain, a Pakistani-born staff assistant in the office of the University President. Dressed in a knee-length embroidered *qamees* over simple *sharwal* trousers, with an orange woolen scarf draped about her neck, she was one of four Muslims present. Modesty and ritual are important in the Muslim faith, she said, and Muslim women also follow rules for monthly cleansing, though there is no ritual bath. The book’s details of Orthodox home life resonated with her own. “For years I packed special lunches for my children when they went on school field trips—just like the Jewish woman in the book,” Husain said.

According to Hilda Carey, RSCJ, an adjunct English professor and the group’s only nun, “This is a place where people can speak directly and intimately and ask questions about religion that they might not ask elsewhere.” There are but two ground rules, she says: Listen respectfully; and speak only from personal experience, not as the representative of a faith. For many of the younger members, the meetings are an occasion to examine their rela-

tionship to faith in general. “Because in my family we never had this focus on the practice or doctrine of religion,” says Svetlana Turova ’09, who is half Jewish, half Russian, “it’s been interesting to talk with people who are stronger in their religious identity. I ask others questions, and learn more about myself.”

AFTER TWO HOURS, THE DISCUSSION began to wind down, and conversation turned to selecting the group’s next subject.

“We’ve read about Muslim and Jewish traditions,” said Neumeier. “Any suggestions for a Christian book?”

The group batted around some proposals and narrowed the field to a PBS documentary, *Three Faiths, One God: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam* (2005) on DVD, and *The Faith Club* (2006), a book by three women, Muslim, Christian, and Jewish, who, like the Daughters of Abraham, found each other after September 11.

“Next month, we can meet at my house to watch the PBS documentary,” Husain offered, enticing the group with the promise of “a few traditional dishes.” The women pulled out their date books, and began to make their plans. ■

## The activist

by Harold Hongju Koh

Robert F. Drinan, SJ, 1920–2007

*Robert F. Drinan, SJ, former dean of Boston College Law School, five-term Congressman from Massachusetts, and Georgetown law professor, died on January 28, at age 86. His life was recollected at the funeral Mass in St. Ignatius Church on February 3:*

Fr. Bob Drinan was not one of those lawyers who loves human rights but not human beings. My family first met him in the late 1950s shortly after my father, then a South Korean graduate student, received his doctorate from Harvard. Because of the precarious political situation in Korea, my father felt he

also needed an American law degree; he visited Dean Drinan at Boston College Law School to explain his situation. As a law dean now, were I to get a similar visit from a foreign student, my first impulse would probably be to tell him to go to the admissions office to fill out an application. But Fr. Drinan agreed to enroll my dad



in BC's evening law program, on the spot.

Three years later, after receiving his BC law degree and returning to South Korea to help Chang Myon win the country's first democratic election, my dad proudly visited Fr. Drinan again with his family to tell him that he had just been appointed acting ambassador from Korea to the United States. I was just six years old. My parents made me wear a necktie.

Nearly four decades later, after I was confirmed as assistant secretary of state for human rights in 1998, I was invited to speak to Fr. Drinan's human rights class at Georgetown Law School. I reminded him of our first meeting many years earlier, and he roared with laughter and threw his arms around me. "Harold, were you that little boy wearing the necktie? I felt so sorry for you having to sit there listening to us grown-ups." That tells you why this man was so beloved: Like Jesus, he instinctively saw every scene from the perspective of the smallest and meekest person in the room.

In Congress, Fr. Drinan helped to enact the key human rights legislation of the post-Vietnam era. He wrote a dozen books, taught thousands of students, and traveled on humanitarian missions around the globe while advocating for human rights in the Soviet Union, South Africa, El Salvador, Chile, the Philippines, Cuba, and Darfur.

I last saw him in October, at the dedication ceremony for the Robert F. Drinan, SJ, Chair in Human Rights at Georgetown Law School. At the dinner afterwards, Bob rose and said, "People ask me how I got so much done in my life. The answer is simple: celibacy." The place exploded with laughter and love for a man who understood that all his accomplishments ultimately came from sacrifice.

And so the celibate Bob Drinan became a father figure to the many he touched and a proud parent of the global human rights revolution. One of Bob's last books, *The Mobilization of Shame* (2001), argues that the death penalty violates international law. It also calls for a right to food and for regional tribunals for human rights. For generations to come, our Fr. Robert Drinan will live on, through the continuing power of his inspiration and his ideas. ■

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## Paper weights

Two days before the pre-exam reading period in December, as the campus grew quieter and students turned to wearing comfort clothes and became more solitary, Liz Stapleton '07 sat herself in a round copper cage of her own making in the lobby of McElroy during the lunchtime rush. She was there partly to complete a class project (fellow students in the fine arts course "Hot Off the Shelf" would be photographing the event as performance art) and partly to provide a service. "Write down what you fear or what pressures you, and drop the piece of paper in the cage," she told students passing by—it will help to "take away the strain."

Stapleton came to the idea while constructing the piece as part of an independent study in sculpture. Having entered her senior year, as she explained in a companion paper, it seemed that "people [were] constantly asking me what I was going to do with a major in studio art. . . . The choice to make art my major turned my artwork into a cage or prison, surrounding and pressuring me. Thus the idea for *Caged In*."

Of the students in McElroy, Stapleton reports, the women tended to be more interested in "the concept" of the cage, while men wanted to talk about "how it was constructed" (of eight-gauge copper wire curved into rings and lashed together—soldering proved unreliable—with a thinner, 18-gauge wire). In the span of an hour and a half, 65 students gave Stapleton slips of paper. "No one will love me" or "I'll be alone in life," wrote eight. "Exams," "finals," or "grades," cited six. Five wrote "failure," or "FAILURE." Four said "the future," and four were more specific, writing "failing to get into [graduate] school," whether law or architecture or named programs at named institutions. Two feared not getting a job after college. And then there were these:

I'm afraid to let people down	relationships
to work without guarantee of fruitful products	fear of acceptance
not getting my work done	rejection
lack of time	confusion
that I'll die and it will end	boyfriend
fear that war and injustice will only get worse in our lifetime	butterflies
monsters under the bed	instability
being in the dark	losing my mind
perfection	people I love dying
paralysis	I fear for finals, monsters, & cheese
humiliation	I fear not being satisfied and happy with what I choose to do in the future
my papers will be disastrous and way off track, Eek!	getting stuck in a port-a-john
girls at this school	philosophy oral final
fear of being fat	fear of being laughed at
fitting in	of getting hurt
friends	not having any fun
I'm afraid that I'll be alone for Christmas Break	being in love and not being able to yell it from the rooftops
	I fear . . . fear

Anna Marie Murphy





Violinist Lefkowitz with sheet music, painter Schantz on stage, and violinist Ludwig with bow

# From life

by Jane Whitehead

A resident quartet performs  
with brushes and bows

Onstage in Gasson 100, propped on an artist's easel, stands a blank white canvas about three feet high and five feet wide. Through the first half of an evening concert on April 11 by Boston College's resident chamber group, the Hawthorne String Quartet, the brilliant rectangle has been a potent backdrop, first to Werner Thomas-Mifune's contemporary piece *Haydn's Südamerikanische Saitensprünge*, a lighthearted homage that mixes classical themes with sultry tango rhythms, and then to Mozart's sublime String Quintet in G minor (for which the musicians were joined by Boston Symphony Orchestra violinist Rebecca Gitter).

Now, at intermission, Jim Schantz, a Berkshires-based landscape artist, lays out seven pots of acrylic paint in colors from white to violet and readies a battery of housepainter's brushes. For the concert's second half, during which the musicians

will play *String Quartet* (1921) by Hans Krása, Schantz will paint as the instrumentalists perform. Like the program thus far, Krása's music uses humorous elements even as it charts the abysses of human experience. A native of Prague, the German-Jewish Krása enjoyed critical acclaim as a composer in Europe and North America before being deported, barely in his forties, to the Terezín concentration camp in 1942. The Third Reich had devised Terezín, in what is now the Czech Republic, as a propaganda showpiece and sent prominent Jewish artists, writers, and musicians there from around Europe, along with tens of thousands of others (peak camp population exceeded 55,000). Krása was a leading member of Terezín's artistic community, and his children's opera, *Brundibár* (Bumblebee), was featured in a Red Cross film designed to show the supposed quality of life in the

camp. But Terezín served also as a transit camp to the Nazi death camps, and like most of his fellow artists, Krása met his death in Auschwitz, in 1944.

Hawthorne violinist Mark Ludwig, violinists Ronan Lefkowitz and Si-Jing Huang, and cellist Sato Knudsen are all members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The quartet, founded in 1986, and in residence at Boston College since 1998, has an international reputation for championing the works of Krása and his compatriots in Terezín. Their collaboration with Schantz is rooted in Krása's own fascination with dadaist and surrealist interplay between painting and music, and in the composer's intentions for the piece.

In a conversation beforehand, Schantz explained how he prepared, by listening to a recording and even producing a small-scale study in his studio. He saw at once, he said, how the skyscapes he has been painting for some time might move further toward abstraction in response to Krása's music. While he has collaborated with the Hawthorne Quartet before and has a game plan for the performance—"a sense of how much I want to accomplish with each movement"—he wants the work to be a unique reflection of the moment.

After intermission, Schantz steps onto the stage, dressed in black, like the musicians. While they tune, he gathers his brushes. With the opening note of the *Quartet*, he makes a bold horizontal crimson streak right to left across the canvas. Moving with almost balletic elegance, he covers at least two-thirds of the white field during the first movement, mainly in reds and oranges. In the more playful second movement, with its glissandi and experimental textures—made, for instance, by playing with the wooden side of the bow—the quick lateral gestures of Schantz's arm and body as he applies his yellows are a counterpoint to the near-vertical passes of the violinists' and violist's bows. The elegiac opening of the final movement is accompanied by somber purple streaks in the top left corner, so that as the last whispering harmonic dies into silence, the effect is of an ominous sunset over a violet landscape. ■

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A scene from Megan Green's *No Child Left Behind*

# Act One

by Cara Feinberg

Student playwrights take center stage

On opening night, February 21, theater majors Megan Green '08 and Patricia Noonan '07 surreptitiously scrutinized the audience around them. The pair sat in the center of the half-moon of risers fanning up from the stage of the dimly lit Bonn Studio, Boston College's black-box performance space in the Robsham Theater Arts Center. "We wanted to see people's expressions, who was laughing, who was whispering," said Green later. "There is nothing like the thrill of watching a group of people watch your own play."

Their one-act scripts—Green's *No Child Left Behind*, a comedy about a couple preparing to adopt a Chinese baby, and Noonan's *The Storykeeper*, a drama about a family stranded in the Mojave Desert—had been selected by the theater department from nearly two dozen submissions to be produced as part of the University's New Voices series.

Directed by theater professor Scott Cummings, New Voices is Boston College's first forum dedicated to full-scale production of original student work. Founded in 2005, the series mounts two one-act plays in tandem every two years—it simply takes that long to develop, revise, and produce original work, says Cummings—and it is featured as one of the six shows produced annually during the Robsham season. Like the other five productions, New Voices is given a five-performance run. This past year it played to capacity crowds (upwards of 200) most nights.

TEN MINUTES BEFORE THE HOUSE lights dimmed, audience members were scanning the curtainless stage's living room set—one family's history in the clutter of photographs and yellowing kindergarten artwork, a mantle lined with figurines, side tables overrun with trinkets.

For Green, the room was familiar. The fictional "Green" family in her snappy comedy was loosely based on the real one. As she told a passing well-wisher, she'd prepared her family for the prospect beforehand, "but fingers crossed anyway." The premise of the play is purely fictional: Two empty-nesters tell their three grown daughters they've decided to adopt a baby from Shanghai. The overly cheery mother has an apparent affection for kitty-cat sweaters, the father childproofs couches with plastic wrap and foam rubber, and the daughters think their parents have gone mad.

Noonan's play, *The Storykeeper*, would follow nearly an hour later, after intermission, her minimalist stage set a far cry from Green's—nothing but sere, cracked earth extending to a horizon of bright blue sky. To the far right sits the realistic-looking back end of a dilapidated R.V., with one working door through which the characters will enter and exit. A diabetic grandfather has driven his sleeping family out into the middle of the desert, where they awaken to an empty driver's seat and an empty gas tank. His family steps out of the R.V. and finds him sitting on the sand; he asks them each, one by one, to tell him a story they've told no one else.

In an interview a few weeks after the performances, Cummings spoke about why he chose these one-acts. Aside from the quality of writing and storytelling, he said, "the two seemed to complement each other. 'Both are about families—but they're so different in tone and spirit. . . . The two plays together showcased the range of work our students are doing.'"

In 1998, Cummings directed his first evening of works by student playwrights under the umbrella title Preliminary Stages, but there wasn't enough momentum in the theater department or among the students for a regular series. Since that time, Boston College has developed a "vibrant new-play culture," he says. In the past several years, the undergraduate Dramatics Society has sponsored readings of student plays; After Hours Theater, a two-year-old student-run company, has produced an annual showcase of 10-minute original works; several undergraduates have had 10-minute plays staged or workshopped in the Boston Theater Marathon and other festivals; and last year,



BC held its first 24-Hour Theater Experiment, in which a panel of theater professionals judged 10- to 15-minute plays written in the previous 24 hours by teams of students.

TWO YEARS AGO, NEW VOICES featured one-acts by Emily Dendinger '05 and Richard Lawson '05. Dendinger's *Swimming After Dark* and Lawson's *Zoe*—both directed by Cummings—went on to find second lives at the 2006 regional Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, where New Voices was one of only seven New

England college theater productions featured. In 2006, the Piano Factory in Boston mounted Dendinger's *Swimming After Dark* and Lawson's script was chosen for a staged reading at the Last Frontier Theatre Conference in Valdez, Alaska, a 10-day festival started by Edward Albee. Dendinger is now an assistant editor at a publishing house in Boston; Lawson works for a New York company that manages group ticket sales for Broadway shows. Both hope to pursue an MFA in playwriting.

Enrollment in Cummings's playwriting class has risen since the first New Voices in 2005, and each year brings a greater vol-

ume of New Voices submissions, many of them—including Green's and Noonan's—penned as class assignments.

"Writing a script is diabolically hard," says Cummings, but it is only half of the playwriting experience. There is the challenge of collaborating with the director, production staff, and actors, and of participating in the continued developments of the characters and original story. "Anyone thinking of this as a career needs to experience the rewards—and the agonies—of production," Cummings says. "You never know what you've got until you put it up in front of an audience." ■

**SHARED GRIEF**—More than 900 students and members of the Boston College community gathered at St. Ignatius Church on Tuesday evening April 17 for a prayer vigil following the fatal shooting of 32 Virginia Tech students and faculty on April 16 in Blacksburg. The seven o'clock memorial service took place simultaneously with vigils at the other Atlantic Coast Conference universities.

Students organized the service, which was sponsored by the Undergraduate Government of Boston College and Campus Ministry. The program included prayers led by campus minister Donald MacMillan, SJ, and a candle-lighting ceremony during which students read the names of the 22 victims known to the public at that time. Music was provided by the Liturgy Arts Group and liturgical musician JoJo David. Three students also spoke.

"This tragedy really touched a chord in our students, and you could see they felt a real connection to the students at Virginia Tech," says James Erps, SJ, director of Campus Ministry. The University also sponsored a noontime ecumenical prayer service that day in the Heights Room of Corcoran Commons and offered a Mass in memory of the victims at five o'clock in St. Mary's Chapel.

In a letter e-mailed to students, faculty, and staff, University President William P. Leahy, SJ, wrote, "I ask you to join me in offering our prayers for the victims, their families, and the entire Virginia Tech community. . . . You too remain in my prayers."







Cultural winner Masti gets low

# Hot ticket

by Tim Czerwienski

The sixth annual, ever-electrifying  
AHANA Leadership Council Showdown

The lobby of Robsham Theater became a campground late last January. Chris Denice '09 and two suitemates arrived at 1:30 A.M., only to find that 39 other students had shown up even earlier, all prepared to spend the night and await the opening of the box office at nine. While Denice and his friends rotated naps and line duty, others stayed up, played cards, chatted, did homework.

It was the last day of ticket sales for the Showdown, an annual dance competition produced by the AHANA Leadership Council (ALC), in which Boston College dance troupes and culture clubs vie for a two-foot trophy and, more importantly, yearlong bragging rights, on the basis of five- to 10-minute routines. This year's six judges were professional dancers, instructors, and choreographers with backgrounds from Broadway to break-dance to ballet. At the end of the night they would

announce a winner and runner-up in both the dance and cultural dance categories.

The Showdown has become one of the premier events sponsored by ALC, a semi-autonomous branch of the Undergraduate Government of Boston College. ALC was created in the fall of 1995 as a "space for students of color interested in student government, and to provide services for AHANA students specifically," according to Noelle Green '07, current ALC president. The organization includes a volunteer corps (which sponsored a service trip to Turkey Creek, Mississippi, this year) and a political action collective that Green says "plans events that fulfill ALC's mission to educate students on issues facing the AHANA community." ALC organizes an annual boat cruise of Boston Harbor in the fall and a formal ball in the spring.

The brainchild of Jessica Muriel '03 and Brandon Slaughter '05, former program-

ming directors for ALC, the first Showdown took place in Robsham Theater in 2002. Four years later, the event moved to the basketball courts of the Plex (Flynn Recreation Complex). The shift was born of necessity. In addition to selling out Robsham's 591 seats, the show had grown to more than 200 performers. Now, transforming the cavernous gym into a 1,500-seat auditorium each year involves a \$17,000 ALC budget and the hiring of a production company to erect the stage, lights, sound system, and seating.

This year's sales plan was to put up a third of the tickets (at \$10, limited to five per student) each day for three days. "[We] definitely sold out within the first 35 to 40 minutes," says Stephanie Sanabria '09, a member of ALC who was present for the first two days of the sale. Sanabria estimates that at least 100 people left the box office empty-handed each morning.

THE NIGHT OF SATURDAY JANUARY 27 was a busy one on Lower Campus's south side. There was a seven o'clock hockey game scheduled across Campanella Way, while outside the Plex a throng of students had begun to gather late in the afternoon, to await Showdown's eight o'clock showtime. An hour before the lights went up, the line of ticket-holders eager to get in out of the frosty night stretched the length of the building. "They should really have this thing in Conte Forum," a young man in the queue muttered, expressing the dream of many of Showdown's organizers.

Inside the Plex, R&B tunes pumped from massive speakers at the front of the gym as savvy audience members—mostly students, some family of the performers—colluded here and there to rearrange the folding chairs and construct offshoot sections for better sight lines. That left small pockets of the floor in the seating area open for spontaneous dancing.

This year, six teams would compete in the dance category: Fuego del Corazon, Synergy, Phaymus, FISTS (short for "Females Incorporating Sisterhood Through Step"), and two groups visiting from Boston University, Fusion and Vibes. The dance category was actually something of a catchall. Fuego performed salsa and merengue-inspired Latin dance;



Synergy, Phaymus, Fusion, and Vibes executed various forms of hip-hop, including break-dance, pop-and-lock, and street jazz.

“Pop-and-lock is a style that focuses on isolation of the body, attempting to move only one joint of the body at a particular point in time,” explains Synergy’s director, Whitney Low ’07. “Street jazz is standard jazz with an urban feel—gravity is taken into account—whereas studio jazz is more lifted and extended, much like ballet.”

FISTS, the only step team, closed the three-hour show with a crisp, high-powered routine about toy soldiers who tire of doing what they’re told. Their clapping, yelling, and elaborate stomping produced a beat in the absence of recorded music.

This year’s competitors in the cultural category were AeroK, the dance troupe of the Korean Students Association; Danse Kreyol, from the campus Haitian Association; Masti, from the South Asian Students Association; the Philippine Society of Boston College (PSBC); and Presenting Africa To U (PATU), affiliated with the African Students Association. Their costumes, music, and moves reflected ethnic roots, but their renditions were not, strictly speaking, grandma’s and grandpa’s. Masti’s women, for instance, wore authentic Indian jewelry (pendulous earrings, necklaces, and *tikkas*, the headpieces with a pendant that rests on the forehead), offset by gold-striped black T-shirts and tight black pants; the men made a mid-routine switch from jeans and shimmering gold button-downs to billowing *pathani* suits. PSBC blended hip-hop and *tinikling*, the Philippine dance in which dancers hop between horizontal bamboo poles as partners crouch on the floor and rhythmically tap the poles against each other. The updated version drew a steady surge of cheers. All night, as the bass thumped in the speakers and strobe lights flashed blue, yellow, and red, the audience danced and clapped along. When Fuego flawlessly executed an intricate, six-dancer baseball cap swap, and when a male Synergy dancer spun into a fast, prolonged pirouette, the approving whistles and whoops nearly drowned out the music.

“THERE’S ALWAYS AN ARGUMENT AFTER the contest,” said Nijah Cunningham ’07, codirector of programming for ALC, a few hours before the show started. This

year was no different. After 11 performances and a break for deliberation by the judges, Green and ALC vice president Rose Chou ’07 emerged from backstage to announce the winners. Synergy and AeroK picked up second-place honors, while an overjoyed Masti won first place in the cultural performance bracket. FISTS was announced the winner of the dance category, but with the crowd noises and the unfortunate similarity of the names, members of Phaymus took the stage. This left FISTS to wait on the sidelines while the misunderstanding was cleared up and the trophy was taken from Phaymus, whose members (25 in all) were already raising it overhead amid cheers from the crowd.

The night’s confusion and hurt feelings have since prompted public debate about

Showdown’s competitive component, including dueling columns in the *Heights* student newspaper. Under the headline “Almost Phaymus,” Nidia Fevry ’10, of Phaymus, wrote that Showdown “pits apples and oranges against each other and asks judges to decide which is better. . . . Imagine *Drumline* against the Boston Symphony.” In rebuttal, Seif Ammus ’08, of ALC, offered this advice: “Why not just step up the routines to the level of groups like FISTS?” Within days, a Facebook group formed that proclaimed Phaymus “the people’s champ.” Green says the incident was unfortunate, but that in the long run the controversy only adds to the legend of Showdown. “Each year, the competition itself becomes more and more fierce,” she says. “There’s a history building.” ■

## Meltdown

The Boston College men’s hockey team entered the 2006–07 season ranked number one in the nation, and ended up just three goals short of expectations.

After riding a 13-game winning streak to the championship game of the Frozen Four in St. Louis, Missouri, the Eagles were felled on April 7 by a tiebreaking Michigan State goal with 18.9 seconds left. Michigan State sealed a 3–1 victory with an empty net goal barely one second before the final buzzer.

For two consecutive seasons now, Boston College has made it to the final game. Last year, the team lost to Wisconsin in Badger-friendly Milwaukee, in another last-second heartbreaker: After trailing by a goal through most of the third period, Eagle defenseman Peter Harrold’s desperation shot with 1.7 seconds left rang the post and caromed away, giving Wisconsin the win, 2–1.

“It’s tough coming [up] short two years in a row,” senior captain Brian Boyle told the *Heights* after this year’s championship loss. Boston College ended the season at 29–12–1, a tally that belies the team’s struggles in the first half of the season. After 25 games, the Eagles’ record was 14–10–1. On January 5, Coach Jerry York suspended the captaincies of Boyle and fellow senior forward Joe Rooney for a month due to poor class attendance. The Eagles persevered and went 15–2–0 for the rest of the season, winning their seventh Hockey East Tournament title along the way. Goaltender Cory Schneider set a single-season team record with 1,111 saves and was named to the 2007 U.S. national hockey team. Boyle—the team’s leader in both points and assists for the season—and sophomore forward Nathan Gerbe, second on the team in scoring, were named to the hockey writers’ All-New England team; Boyle was additionally named a first-team All-American by the American Hockey Coaches Association.

The team will lose only four seniors—Boyle, Rooney, defenseman Justin Greene, and goaltender Joe Pearce—which should keep expectations high for next season.

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**FLOWER POWER**—Sheila Gallagher, an assistant professor of fine arts, was one of four finalists, drawn from a pool of 40 nominees, for the Institute of Contemporary Art's 2006 James and Audrey Foster Prize, given biennially to a Boston artist "whose work demonstrates adventurousness, conceptual strength, and skillful execution." Although she didn't win the \$25,000 jury prize, Gallagher came out on top in a popular vote of museum patrons, with 40 percent of voters favoring her installation, *Unknown Source*. The installation included *Cumulonimbus* (above), a depiction of a cloud composed of fresh flowers, which Gallagher replenished four or five mornings a week.





McWilliams: "I'm getting a lot more out of college the second time around."

# Better late

by Cara Feinberg

How John McWilliams '07 worked hard and got his education

In 1979, at the age of 24, John McWilliams '07 was one of the youngest traders on the floor of the American Stock Exchange. In 2001, after a successful and varied 27 years on Wall Street, he retired—he'd achieved the goals he set, he says. Only one hole remained in his résumé: At age 20, close to failing out of Boston College, he'd left school in the middle of his junior year.

Two years ago, McWilliams returned to campus to complete the bachelor's degree course he abandoned in 1975. He has been a full-time undergraduate in the Carroll School of Management (CSOM), sitting among classmates who are less than half his age and in many cases, he says, more than twice as academically prepared. He is due to graduate this May at the age of 53 with a degree in finance—one of only four CSOM undergraduates over the age of 40 to receive a diploma in the past 10 years. It

was "unfinished business," he says. "When you're self-made, you often miss the foundation. Strip away the suit and tie and you realize just how much you are missing."

Sipping coffee at a table in the noisy Lyons Dining Hall, McWilliams looks more like a professor than a student, save for the overstuffed backpack at his feet. In his pressed khakis and tucked-in blue button-down shirt, he is one of the few male students in the midmorning crowd without a baseball cap and one of even fewer without stubble or a beard.

He has grown accustomed to standing out, he says, and has come to enjoy the role of "elder student." Talking with young people just starting out—sharing career advice, life advice—has been one of the best parts of returning, he says, waving at a few students walking by, classmates from his morning finance class. "I can tell you right now, I'm getting a lot more out of

college the second time around." As a finance major who's also taken painting, drawing, English, and film classes, McWilliams says, "I'm getting all the stuff I can possibly fit in."

McWilliams's first years at Boston College, in the 1970s, were a different story. As a freshman in 1972, he says, he was a long-haired 18-year-old "who just wasn't ready for school."

"I spent my first years here trying everything except studying," he recalls. "Classes were an afterthought. . . . I wasted a lot of time."

By junior year, McWilliams was, by his own admission, mostly absent from school—"I spent more time working"—he was holding down two off-campus jobs at the time—"and partying. . . . School just wasn't a priority. But I always had a knack for making money," he says. "I was the kid who, at age six, was fishing coins out of the subway grates with string and chewed-up gum." That instinct led him to a back-office job at a Wall Street firm during the summer after his freshman year. "I loved the chaos, the buzz, the excitement," he recalls. A few months after leaving school, he inquired about returning to the company, and learned that another firm, Spear, Leeds, & Kellogg Specialists, LLC, was looking for a summer office intern. He took the six-week position at \$100 a week, and he asked his colleagues to teach him how to work the books—capture trades, record accounts—during lunchtime.

"At that young age, I could run numbers through my head faster than most people now can type them into a calculator," says McWilliams—a helpful skill, he points out, in the age of slide rules and paper record books. Management quickly picked up on his gift and by the end of the summer, he was working as a frontline trading assistant, a rare opportunity for someone of his experience. Within three and a half years, he became a specialist trader on the floor of the American Stock Exchange.

From there, McWilliams's career took off. He oversaw major corporate investments in New York and Chicago, and in 1981 started his own execution firm with a seat on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). Six years later, he sold the seat and moved to San Francisco, where he joined an

investment firm as a vice president in equity trading; he was subsequently asked to return to the NYSE to manage the trading floor for the firm, and went on to partner as a senior trader at two other companies.

In 2001, when McWilliams retired, he and his wife and young son moved “about as far away from Wall Street and the Northeast cold as possible,” to rural Ojai, California, where they’d fallen in love with a property while on vacation.

AS A YOUNG MAN MAKING MONEY, McWilliams says, it took him a while to feel he’d missed much at college. “But when you’re raising a curious child, you suddenly realize you don’t have a lot of the knowledge you want to impart. . . . You begin to see what a narrow corridor you’ve been living in.”

Two years ago, when McWilliams’s son was accepted to a Massachusetts prep school and the family moved from California to New England, “the stars began to line up,” he says. “My education is actually an offshoot of my son’s.” He called Boston College and began what would become a series of long conversations with Richard Keeley, the associate dean for undergraduates at CSOM.

“Ninety-five times out of a hundred, these calls end up going nowhere,” says Keeley, “but John really wanted this.” Keeley suggested McWilliams spend a semester in the Woods College of Advancing Studies to reimmerge himself in the academic environment before returning full-time. McWilliams enrolled in Woods in September 2005; in January 2006, he was officially readmitted to the Carroll School with a full five-course load.

“I had to learn all the skills I needed just to learn,” he says. A hunt-and-peck typist, McWilliams initially found himself behind the curve on nearly every front. “Try solving for X when you haven’t taken algebra for three decades,” he says, shaking his head. “I spent at least two or three days a week, for a while, getting tutored by students at the [Connors Family] Learning Center.”

CSOM students, for their part, have welcomed McWilliams as a classmate and a special resource. “He’s so personable, and he doesn’t flaunt anything,” says Elliott Smith, a lecturer in finance. This

past semester, McWilliams was a student in Smith’s financial policy class, and Smith would often use him as a sounding board in class discussions, asking him to comment on case studies or to volunteer anecdotes. “Any kid working in a group or taking a class with John,” said Smith, “gets to learn what he’s paid his dues to learn.”

McWilliams, like many graduating seniors, isn’t sure what the future holds;

returning to school, he says, was never about preparing for a career. “It hasn’t really struck me I won’t be going to BC anymore,” he says. His immediate plan is to spend time with his wife and son. “Who knows after that—maybe I’ll reinvent myself. I’d love to counsel kids,” he says. Pause. “And Silicon Valley is fascinating.” He pauses again. “But I might still trade,” he says, smiling. “I miss the rush.” ■

## Silicon safari

On March 4, a class of 22 undergraduates, led by Associate Professor John Gallagher (information systems), flew to California’s Silicon Valley for a week of encounters with managers in the high-tech sector, including four corporate vice presidents, six CEOs, and seven partners in venture capital firms. The class, “Undergraduate TechTrek West,” aims to furnish a glimpse of the valley’s business culture—which Gallagher describes as “deeply egalitarian, highly tolerant of failure, a massive idea-generation machine”—and to expose the students to issues faced by business leaders. It’s one thing to hear a classroom lecture on a concept like burn rate (the rate at which a start-up firm uses up venture capital money), Gallagher maintains, but quite another to discuss burn rate with a CEO who is burning through his start-up funds.

Firms on the TechTrek itinerary ranged from household names like Cisco and eBay to outfits like Glu Mobile, which sells video games for mobile phones, and Zafu, an online marketer of clothing. Before the trip, the class divided into teams of two or three, with each team assigned to lead a 30-minute class segment on one of the firms. Course readings included 85 journal and magazine articles on the companies, all selected by the teams.

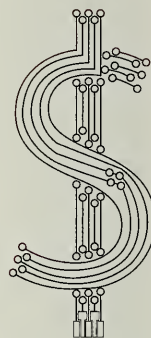
The students went west armed with detailed interrogatories (“Google just bought your main challenger. How are you going to survive?” the presenter at one start-up was asked, according to Gallagher). Topics covered in their meetings with managers included mergers and strategic alliances, venture capital investing, selling high-tech goods and services in developing economies, and trends in green technology. In a typical encounter, a manager launched into PowerPoint slides but was “immediately overwhelmed by questions,” says trekker Jacqueline Jacobs ’07. Her classmate Jay Bavishi ’09 jokes that he measured each meeting’s success by the number of slides the presenters got through—with fewer slides meaning a better meeting. Joan Hoover, Apple’s director of investor relations, was on her first slide when the questions began, Bavishi says, and she never made it to Slide 2.

After the trip, Apple’s Hoover requested the résumé of trekker Liz Dean ’09, who had fired off a set of questions about Apple’s competition for the business market with Windows-based PCs. Since then, the finance and accounting major has been talking with Hoover about a summer internship. Undergraduate TechTrek is in its second year, and a graduate version, also led by Gallagher, is in its third. Though Gallagher stresses that the trek is not a recruiting trip, last year’s graduate and undergraduate treks yielded four full-time jobs and two internships.

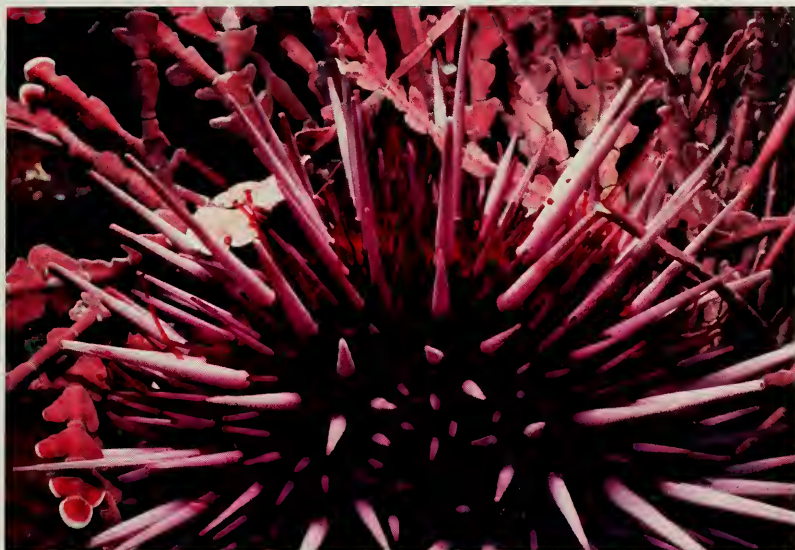
Asking “the tough questions” of senior managers, says Gallagher, builds confidence. As one trekker told him afterward, “I’ll never be nervous at an interview again.”

David Reich

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Our fellow deuterostome

# Project genome

by Gregory Mone

Meet the relatives

The sea urchin, that spiny round creature hiding in coral reefs and rocks, is like an uncle you wish wouldn't visit. It's homely, not bright or social, and it sits around doing just about nothing. Yet there's no denying the familial tie: The recent sequencing of the genome of a 20-year-old California male purple sea urchin has revealed that 70 percent of the species' genes share common ancestry with human genes.

The massive effort to delineate the urchin genome was the joint work of 240 molecular and developmental biologists, zoologists, geneticists, bioinformaticists, and other scientists at more than 70 institutions, including the laboratory team of biology professor David Burgess at Boston College. The project results were made public late last year with publication of 42 papers in special issues of *Science* and *Developmental Biology*. The sea urchin code amounts to 23,300 genes, including quite a few that scientists never expected to find.

The work at Boston College was done over 18 months and drew in graduate and undergraduate students. Researchers were provided with a computer-generated rough draft of the genome, produced from laboratory analysis conducted by the project's organizers at Cal Tech. Their job, carried out entirely in front of computer screens, was twofold: to comb through the raw data and neaten it up ("kind of like putting pieces of a puzzle back together," says doctoral student Matthew Hoffman); and, cued by a computer program, to follow up in detail on near-matches with other known genomes, including the human genome.

HUMANS AND URCHINS ALIKE FALL into a class of creatures known as deuterostomes—the word means "mouth second," a reference to the sequence in which the digestive system's orifices take shape after conception. Some 540 million years ago, according to the fossil record,

deuterostomes split, diverging into two principal groups—echinoderms (urchins, starfish, sea cucumbers, etc.) and chordates (humans and other vertebrates). Comparing the sea urchin's genome to our own (made public in 2003), will help scientists determine which human genes pre-date the split, filling in details of the genetic road map of life. As lead scientist Eric Davidson of Cal Tech wrote in *Science*, the sea urchin offers "an extremely useful out-group for the understanding of our own genomes—an intellectual version of Archimedes's idea that with a leverage point removed from Earth he could move the globe."

Interesting findings have emerged already. For instance, Jonathan Rast, a comparative immunologist at the University of Toronto, and colleagues found a number of the urchin's genes that produce immune system proteins previously believed to exist only in vertebrates. Another group reported that the urchin genome includes nearly a thousand genes associated with sight and smell—despite the fact that the urchin has neither eyes nor nose. Genes that code for light-sensing proteins called opsins were among those discovered. Apparently, the urchins express these proteins in their spines and in the tubules they use as feet.

At Boston College, Burgess's lab group studied genes governing the sea urchin's cytoskeleton, the protein-based, internal scaffolding that organizes and gives cells their shape. Along with scientists at Wheaton College, Massachusetts, and the University of California, Berkeley, they focused on the portion of the genome that encodes the cytoskeleton's building instructions. One of their more surprising findings, reported in the November 10, 2006, issue of *Science*, involves genes associated in humans with Usher syndrome, a congenital disease that leads to hearing loss. In the sea urchin's genetic material, the Boston College researchers and others discovered homologs (genes having shared ancestry) of the Usher genes found in humans. The function of the homologs in urchins is still to be determined. ■

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# Charitable INTENT

KEN HACKETT '68  
GUIDES ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S  
LARGEST RELIEF AGENCIES THROUGH A WORLD OF NEED

BY JANE WHITEHEAD

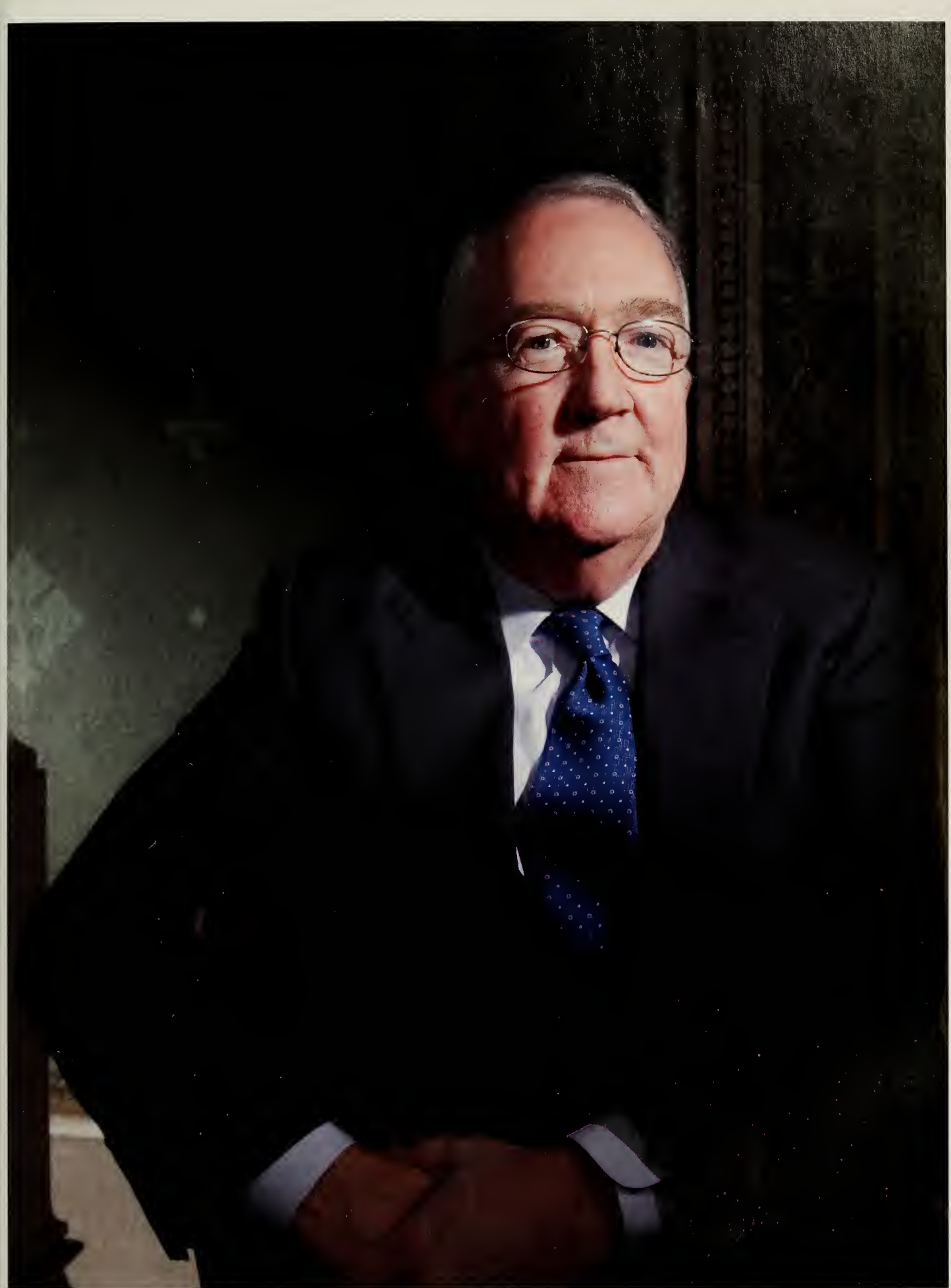
**WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT GUINEA. I READ ALL HELL'S BREAKING LOOSE.**

That's Catholic Relief Services president Ken Hackett's greeting to his security advisor, Lara Puglielli, as she enters his corner office at CRS headquarters in Baltimore on a January morning. Puglielli is there to brief him on urgent situations that threaten the safety of agency staff. Hackett spreads out the papers she provides: images of violent demonstrations in Conakry, Guinea's capital, and detailed maps showing the peninsula where two CRS workers and their one-year-old baby are trapped in a hotel.

Hackett has already seen the pictures. A self-described news junkie, he routinely scans the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, and the *Baltimore Sun* and monitors the BBC and Al Jazeera online. With more than 30 years' experience at the U.S. Catholic Church's international relief and development agency, including 14 years at the helm, he has an encyclopedic knowledge of the world's troubled places.

Following a few terse questions from Hackett, "What have we got for an evacuation plan? What's the embassy saying?" and a brief discussion—should they go overland to Sierra Leone or fly Air France to Senegal?—Puglielli recommends pulling the trio out by air. Hackett agrees. "That's enough on that one," he says. Puglielli moves on to the situation in Beirut, where rioting in the city's Christian neighborhood has forced the





shutdown of CRS offices. The news recalls a low moment for the agency. In January 1985, Fr. Lawrence Martin Jenco, OSM, then CRS director in Lebanon, was kidnapped in Beirut and held by Shiite Muslim extremists for 19 months. Catholic Relief Services employs more than 5,000 workers in 99 countries, and although Jenco's experience was extreme, CRS staff have suffered beatings, carjackings, and house arrest in posts from Haiti to Congo, according to Hackett.

International charities on the scale of CRS, which had a budget last year of more than \$558 million, may give the impression of being monoliths—unchanging, perennially reliable—but third world politics and the home economy, natural disasters and domestic power shifts continually reconfigure the conditions in which they work. Hackett has responded to challenges variously catastrophic—Rwandan genocide, AIDS, a tsunami in the Indian Ocean—and enabling, such as a more than 300 percent increase in federal cash grants (from an average \$58 million annually during the Clinton years to \$204 million last year, well over a third of the agency's budget). In late 2002, he joined eight other nongovernmental organization leaders for a *Vanity Fair* photo shoot, a "Hall of Fame" group portrait with the heads of Oxfam, CARE, Save the Children, Amnesty International, and other giants of international aid and development. In the picture, Hackett stands in the middle, at the back, a compact, broad-shouldered man in a tweed jacket, with heavy eyebrows and a quizzical smile, as though amused to find himself in that glossy magazine. But he has every right to be in that company. In a decade and a half, Hackett has upheld CRS's considerable record of humanitarian and relief aid; he has fostered sustainable agricultural programs, micro-enterprises, and health care services among people in the world's poorest countries; and he has imbued the agency with a sharpened focus, achieved through lessons sometimes learned the hard way.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES WAS STARTED BY** the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1943 as War Relief Services, with a short-term mission to provide welfare and resettlement programs for European refugees displaced during World War II. The agency outlived and outgrew its wartime mandate, changing its name to Catholic Relief Services in 1955, expanding operations to Africa, Asia, and Latin America, and becoming one of the largest private partners in the management of the U.S. government's food aid programs (27 percent of CRS's resources last year took the form of donated commodities and ocean freight, nearly all of it from federal sources).

Unlike overtly evangelical faith-based organizations, CRS has from the outset stuck to a policy of non-proselyti-

zation and provides aid on the basis of need, without regard to race, creed, or nationality. The agency has a reputation for courage: for being "one of the first to go in and one of the last to leave" in dangerous situations, says Steve Radelet, a senior fellow at the Center for Global Development, an independent think tank in Washington, D.C., focusing on global poverty and inequality.

In the course of a single day in January, there is more than one life-or-death issue on Hackett's agenda. Before the conference with Puglielli, Sr. Phyllis Hughes, manager of Catholic Relief's HIV/AIDS unit, had briefed Hackett and his cabinet on the agency's 250-plus AIDS/HIV programs, operating in 52 countries. (The programs account for more than 19 percent of CRS spending.) While CRS officials do not claim that previous administrations penalized the agency for its policy of not distributing condoms as part of HIV/AIDS prevention programs, they concede that the "conscience clause" in the 2003 legislation authorizing the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) enabled CRS to apply for more HIV/AIDS relief funding, and that thanks partly to this provision, CRS has been a major beneficiary of PEPFAR. In 2006–07, the agency received \$63.5 million through PEPFAR, and a pledge of \$107 million for 2007–08. Hackett registers Hughes's concern that Congress may decide to hold funding to the 2006 level. Such "flatlining," he says, could be a death sentence for thousands of people currently receiving care.

Afterward, Hackett gets an update on developments in the civil war-plagued Central African Republic, from a colleague he calls the "Master of Disaster," Patrick Johns, director of emergency operations. Then he speaks by phone with Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), who promises her support on the Senate Appropriations Committee for the PEPFAR increase.

Catholic Relief's involvement with AIDS/HIV began in 1989, in Masaka, Uganda, and extends now to some four million people, primarily in Africa, but also in the hardest-hit areas of Asia and Latin America. Its programs provide testing and antiretroviral therapy, as well as training in nutrition and health care for community volunteers who attend to people living with the disease, their children, and the orphaned. In keeping with Catholic teaching, preventive programs focus on abstinence before and fidelity within marriage. Even among CRS's admirers, the agency's adherence to Vatican policy on condom distribution provokes frustration. "The Vatican's ban on condoms has cost many hundreds of thousands of lives from AIDS," wrote *New York Times* columnist Nicholas Kristof in a May 2005 column that also mentioned the work of CRS as "a model of compassion."

"Yeah," Hackett says, "there are some agencies that really see us as something akin to the devil because we don't push condoms." The issue is a tough one, he concedes, and he



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cites South Africa’s Bishop Kevin Dowling, who in 2001 called on the Vatican to consider lifting its outright ban on condom use in order to save the lives of impoverished women in sub-Saharan Africa, and who remains one of a handful of public advocates for change within the Church hierarchy. Hackett’s response is pragmatic. “We just put our effort into other areas,” he says. “Other people are there. There’s no shortage of condoms.”

Hackett’s style is low-key and genial, but trenchant. With his Boston accent, open manner, and ready laugh, it’s easy to imagine him in a bar drinking beer and watching the game on TV. (Although when a small group of CRS staffers adjourns to Maggie Moore’s Irish bar after work, Hackett chooses Chardonnay.) He may be a Knight Commander of the Papal Order of St. Gregory the Great, but he also agreed to be the first victim of the dunk-tank at last summer’s annual office party. His laser-like concentration, omnivorous curiosity, and ability to absorb information at high speed, as he rocks back in his chair or fiddles with his pen, are legendary among his co-workers. It helps that he doesn’t sleep much, often rising at 4:30 A.M. Another Hackett trademark is frugality. He buys his cars used in Florida and drives them into the ground, resisted purchasing a new computer for his office—even though the old one regularly had to be rebooted three times before it would work—and recently turned down requests for a scanner for the legal department and a PowerPoint projector for the executive offices, according to his assistant, Stacy Craig. Hackett laughs when presented with this litany, insisting that there’s no sackcloth-and-ashes complex: just the impulse to conserve, reuse, and recycle, learned in the years of putting himself through school and living in poor communities overseas.

This thrifty mind-set is reflected in CRS’s consistently high ratings from independent watchdogs, who credit the agency for channeling the vast majority of its funds into programs. In 2006, just \$35.7 million, or 6 percent of annual operating expenses, went to administration, fundraising, and marketing. The American Institute of Philanthropy, which currently gives CRS an A-plus rating for financial efficiency and transparency, set a cutoff point for operating expenditures of 25 percent last year to come up with its list

of the 27 top international relief agencies. *Smart Money* magazine in 2000 ranked CRS the third most efficient charity among international relief agencies (behind the International Rescue Committee and the U.S. Fund for UNICEF), ahead of CARE USA, the Christian Children’s Fund, Habitat for Humanity, World Vision, and Save the Children.

**A DAY OF BACK-TO-BACK MEETINGS IS UNUSUAL** for Hackett. This one was necessary because he’d been in Washington, D.C., the previous day attending a meet-and-greet breakfast for new senators, and would be headed the next day to New York for discussions with the new United Nations undersecretary general for emergency relief and humanitarian affairs, Sir John Holmes, Britain’s former ambassador to France. The following week, he would be in Africa, juggling attendance in Nairobi at a CRS regional meeting with duties on a delegation to Madagascar for the U.S. government’s Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC). Hackett and Christine Todd Whitman, the former New Jersey governor and, from 2001 to 2003, administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, are the corporation’s “public” representatives on a seven-member board chaired by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and vice-chaired by Secretary of Treasury Henry Paulson, Jr. President Bush proposed creation of the MCC, which he termed a “new compact for global development,” in 2002, and it was established by Congress in January 2004, with strong bipartisan support. The board oversees funding to impoverished countries on the basis of 16 criteria, including commitments to democratic political processes, poverty reduction, anticorruption measures, health and education, and an equitable legal system. To date, the MCC has signed compacts with 11 partner countries totaling \$3 billion.

Hackett’s appointment to the board is a measure of his reputation as a tough-minded advocate for need-driven aid, says Radelet of the Center for Global Development. Speaking by telephone from Florida, Whitman says that Hackett’s personal experiences on the ground and his worldwide contacts through CRS and its partner organizations give him ears and eyes in places where government

officials rarely venture. “Ken has this ability, every once in a while, to stick a pin in a balloon,” she says, especially when the discussion turns to contentious topics like corruption reform.

Hackett’s special assistant for MCC affairs, Jamieson Davies, cites the example of Benin, in West Africa. “The port of Benin is one of the most corrupt in the world,” she says, and a large part of the Benin government’s agenda in approaching the MCC was to rebuild the port. Hackett’s practical knowledge of the area enabled the MCC to toughen its criteria for Benin’s anti-corruption measures before signing a compact. Radelet says that Hackett has proved a highly effective board member, willing to push back against threats to the corporation’s mandate to act independently of U.S. foreign policy considerations. Hackett’s motivation for accepting the position, he says, was the chance to nudge the federal government further in the direction of supporting socially equitable economic growth over one-shot bricks-and-mortar projects.

#### A FAVORITE LUNCH SPOT OF

Hackett’s in Baltimore is a Korean diner a few blocks from CRS headquarters. He takes a visitor there, pointing out the local sights: the abandoned Greyhound bus station directly across the street from CRS, the methadone clinic around the corner, and the now-empty adult bookstore next door to the office that caused a minor panic at the time of Pope John Paul II’s visit to Baltimore in October 1995. The question of how to shield the Holy Father from the sight of pornography was shelved when his proposed 12-minute call at CRS’s offices was squeezed out of the schedule.

Despite the optimistic “West Side, Zest Side” banners on the street lamps, urban renewal has stalled on Baltimore’s West Side, and CRS, located in what was a hat factory at the turn of the last century, occupies a neighborhood of shuttered businesses, dollar stores, seedy-looking bars, and pawn shops. It used to be much worse, says Hackett cheerfully. As a major local employer (with a staff in Baltimore of around



TOP: Mother Teresa, Hackett, and CRS board members, at CRS headquarters, 1996

BOTTOM: In Galle, Sri Lanka, touring areas affected by the December 2004 tsunami, January 2005

360), CRS has become part of the city’s slow regeneration. This is why, when the organization needed new premises, Hackett and his management team chose to stay in the neighborhood, in a nine-story former department store a few blocks from the present offices, where CRS will move this summer. The building will double the capacity of the present headquarters, providing space for 425 staff, a gym, 35 meeting rooms, and a gallery for exhibits on the organization’s mission and achievements.

Over lunch, Hackett talks about his childhood in the West Roxbury section of Boston, “provincial as heck,” and the missionary friends of his uncle, a Passionist priest, who would tell stories of Jeeps getting stuck in rivers in the Philippines. As a “brown bagger,” or day student, concentrating in operations studies at Boston College’s Carroll School of Management, Hackett says his main interests were “lacrosse





TOP: At the Jalozi refugee camp in Pakistan, October 2001

BOTTOM: In Ethiopia, April 2003

and women,” and he planned to follow his father, a senior executive at the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, into the corporate world. But the prospect of working for a large company left him cold, and one day in his senior year, egged on by a lacrosse team buddy, he signed up for the Peace Corps at a booth on campus. “It seemed like an interesting thing to do,” he says, and his parents, though surprised, supported his spur-of-the-moment choice.

On the day of the senior prom, he received a letter assigning him to Ghana. “Where is Ghana?” he asked his mom. She wasn’t sure. Hackett and his friend Paul Lenardson ’68 set out on a three-and-a-half-year adventure that took them, with a group of 23 other business graduates from various universities, “all city boys,” first to Accra, Ghana, for orientation, and then to a rural agricultural institute to learn the local language, Twi, and how to grow crops, plant trees, and

kill a pig. Armed with these skills, Hackett and another volunteer took a 27-hour truck ride north to their first posting, on the vast, isolated Afram Plains between the Afram River and Lake Volta.

For two and a half years, Hackett lived at a Catholic mission run by a Czechoslovakian priest and dutifully set about his official task, which was to help restore integrity to the agricultural cooperative movement devastated by the depredations of President Kwame Nkrumah, who had led the country from independence in 1957 until a coup in 1966. Hackett began by trying to farm a fast-growing variety of cocoa and new types of corn on a piece of land loaned to him by the village chief. The locals regarded the activities of the new *obruni* (Twi for “white man”) with curiosity. Old farmers would walk by, wave, and ask what he was going to plant. “This is not a good place to plant,” some told him kindly, and they were right: “There were ants that ate the seeds,” says Hackett, “and all of these farmers knew the ants would eat the seeds. But I was the *obruni* and I knew stuff, and I had a Jeep.”

On July 20, 1969, a brilliant, starry night, Hackett was sitting on the veranda of his little hut, listening to international radio news coverage

of the Apollo 11 moon landing, watched by a group of local children. “Look up there, see that moon? The Americans have landed on the moon,” he told them, in English. A boy of about 10, whose English was good, turned around and said in Twi, “Do you know what the *obruni* just said? He said the Americans landed on the moon. I told you he was crazy.” The Peace Corps years, says Hackett, were a “wonderful beginning of my career and adult formation.”

A framed letter of rejection from Catholic Relief Services, dated October 21, 1971, commemorates Hackett’s first attempt to graduate from volunteer to professional aid worker. The letter informs him that there are no current openings, and that he is asking for too high a salary, starting base pay then being in the region of \$6,500. Not deterred, Hackett applied to the United Nations and CARE, and through a sister-in-law’s uncle wangled a second chance with

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CRS. This time, he had an interview with the African regional director, Msgr. Wilson Kaiser, who asked bluntly, “What can you do?” Apparently the answer was satisfactory, as Hackett was hired and sent back to West Africa. Working as a program assistant in Sierra Leone, he ran a “Breast Milk Is the Best Milk” campaign to promote breast-feeding and acted as general gofer, monitoring CRS nutrition and agricultural projects countrywide. Once promoted to program director with a staff of 65–70, he took on responsibility for relations with the local Catholic hierarchy, government agencies, and international bodies like the United Nations and the World Bank, developing grant proposals and managing a budget of around \$2 million.

Over the next 13 years, Hackett kept his focus on Africa, serving as regional director for the continent from 1978 to 1985. During this time he met, hired, and ultimately courted Joan Mitchell, a former Peace Corps volunteer from Concord, Massachusetts, who had been stationed in Cameroon. Chuckling, he recalls how he sent her to the scorching desert of Mauritania, to “see how tough she was,” then after two years moved her to Ghana, where her job was to oversee the clearance of food aid out of the ports of Takoradi and Tema during a severe economic crisis, when an egg cost \$9 and starving people would paddle their canoes up to the quayside, climb on the food trucks, grab a bag, throw it into the water, and dive in after it. “They’d do anything to get food,” recalls Hackett, “and she had to make it all work.” It was on one of his frequent visits to Ghana that the couple struck up a romantic relationship.

The Hackett-Mitchell courtship was a global enterprise. “I was going one way, she was going the other, and we’d meet in Rome,” he says. But after one frenetic week in December 1984 at the height of the Ethiopian famine when Hackett flew in and out of Addis Ababa three times, he decided that before they married (in 1986), he should secure a post that would keep him closer to CRS’s head offices, which were then in New York. He took a job working in fundraising, media relations, and liaison with U.S. Catholic dioceses. After two years, he was ready to go back to the field, and he was assigned as CRS representative to the Philippines.

When Joan joined him in Manila in August 1987, pregnant and exhausted, Hackett greeted her at the airport with the news that a coup d’état was in progress. She thought he was joking, but it turned out to be a fair taste of what was to come over the next five years. The Hacketts and their baby daughter (they now also have a son) weathered six attempted coups, two dozen typhoons a year, a major volcanic eruption, and an earthquake. “There was always something that engaged CRS,” he says. One of the things local staff remember about Hackett, says Michael Sheridan, CRS senior program advisor for economic justice, whose first posting was in the Philippines, is that he always used public transportation, even in the poorest, roughest areas of Manila.

In the Philippines, Hackett worked steadily to leverage the agency’s efforts through partnerships with other organizations. Catholic Relief had an office in the headquarters of the Philippines Bishops’ Conference, and CRS operations were often facilitated by the Church’s infrastructure—the agency’s nationwide nutrition program, for instance, was run through local dioceses. With Lutheran World Relief, CRS supported tribally run agricultural programs on the southern island of Mindanao. Hackett and his staff also collaborated with local NGOs (nongovernmental organizations) on micro-credit initiatives and small business development. And emergencies brought close cooperation with government agencies, as when Hackett accompanied the minister of social welfare to assess the damage and meet with local officials after an earthquake struck the northern town of Baguio in July 1990.

AND YET, IF EVER HACKETT CAME NEAR TO quitting CRS, it was during these years, he says. Catholic Relief was going through a seismic shift in management style, following the appointment of its first lay executive director, a career State Department diplomat and former ambassador to Uruguay and Nicaragua, Lawrence Pezzullo, in 1983. Pezzullo was hired by the CRS board for his wide-ranging experience in Latin America, an area highlighted at that time for renewed focus by the U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops. He imported former State Department staffers to



fill key CRS posts. And according to Hackett, the new management adopted a top-down approach to development, a “we have all the solutions” mind-set that damaged relations with local partnering agencies, especially Church organizations, and failed to take into account social conditions in the field. Many long-term CRS workers either “left or clammed up,” says Hackett, and there were anguished internal debates about what the agency stood for.

Despite misgivings about the agency’s direction, Hackett agreed to move to Kenya in July 1992 as the regional director for East Africa. From his base in Nairobi, he orchestrated the CRS response to the humanitarian disaster in Somalia that followed the overthrow of President Mohamed Siad Barre’s military regime in 1991. Bitter clan warfare and lawlessness, combined with a serious drought, put thousands of Somalis at risk from violence, famine, and disease. With Patrick Johns, CSR’s director for emergency operations, Hackett had to build a relief operation from the ground up in a country with virtually no Catholic Church presence, and therefore no local infrastructure that could be immediately tapped.

“We needed everything,” says Johns, recalling how he and Hackett recruited Somali staff, secured food aid from the U.S. government, and coordinated with Lutheran World Relief to airlift supplies from Nairobi to Baidoa, a small town 150 miles northwest of the Somali capital, Mogadishu. CRS was one of seven relief agencies based there, each in its own office building or compound, sharing the work of burying the day’s dead and delivering aid to the living, surrounded by heavily armed Somalis, including nine- and 10-year-old boys toting automatic weapons. Hackett would fly in from Nairobi at least once a fortnight, and in the absence of reliable radio communication, he and Johns stayed in touch through notes carried by the pilots of the C-130 Hercules supply plane borrowed from Lutheran Relief. On December 9, 1992, U.S. marines landed on the beaches outside Mogadishu to spearhead Operation Restore Hope, a multinational effort to contain the looting and violence and restore food supplies.

Asked about fears for his safety, Hackett says he worried more about putting other people in harm’s way. “And I had the authority to put them in harm’s way,” he reflects. In 1993, that authority took on a global dimension, when Hackett applied for and was appointed to the post of CRS executive director.

**ONE OF THE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS THAT** Hackett remembers being asked when he applied for the top job was this: “How do you view the Catholic character of the agency?” Beyond humanitarianism, beyond Catholic piety, what is the underlying philosophical basis that makes CRS

different from CARE, say, or Oxfam? On his appointment, Hackett’s first order of business was to engage the whole agency in an exploration of this question. “I’m no philosopher, and I’m no theologian,” he says, so he enlisted the help of then-CRS counselor, Rev. J. Bryan Hehir, a theologian specializing in international relations. Hehir would go on to head Harvard Divinity School from 1999 to 2001 before taking up the leadership of Catholic Charities USA, the umbrella organization of American Catholic social service agencies working domestically.

With Hehir’s help, Hackett began a rigorous process of institutional self-examination, using principles drawn from the long tradition of Catholic social teaching to refocus the mission of CRS. “I really didn’t know about Catholic social teaching in the formal sense,” Hackett says, although he had an intuitive grasp of its essentials. As he worked with Hehir it became clear that the touchstones—human dignity and equality, universal rights and responsibilities, promotion of the common good through social institutions, subsidiarity (the idea that problems are best solved by the people closest to them), concern for the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable, and stewardship of resources—provided an ethical framework for every aspect of CRS programming.

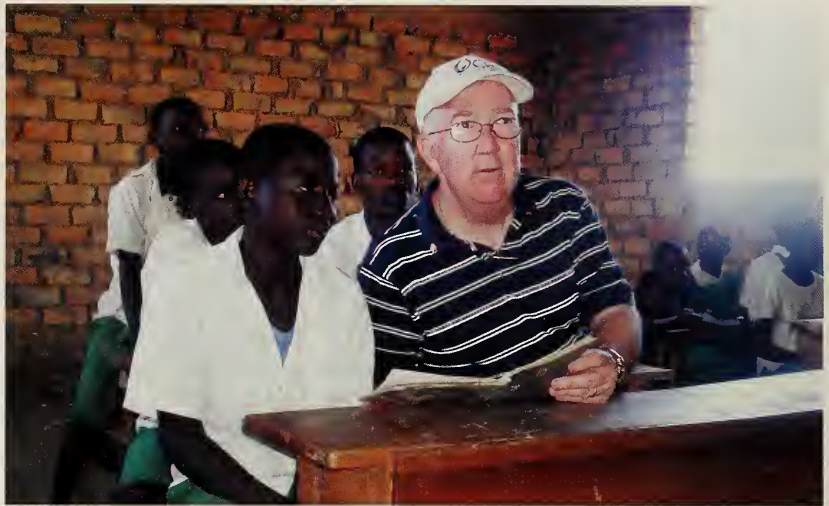
Bill O’Keefe, CRS’s director of policy and advocacy, remembers Hackett’s first speech as executive director. He articulated two interconnected concerns, says O’Keefe: the importance of reflecting on what it means to be a Catholic agency, and the need to reach out to Catholics in the United States, to build global solidarity between American Catholics and impoverished and marginalized people overseas, regardless of race or creed.

The 1994 genocide in Rwanda, when an estimated 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed in 100 days, marked a turning point for Hackett and the agency. CRS was the largest, longest-serving foreign NGO in the country, known for its food assistance programs touching virtually every school and clinic since the 1960s. When Rwandan president Juvenal Habyarimana’s plane was shot down over Kigali airport on April 6, 1994, Catholic Relief’s country program director was in the United States. His wife and two children spent 48 hours hunkered under the bed in their house in Kigali as the long-standing ethnic tension between the majority Hutus and the minority Tutsis boiled over into unprecedented violence. The family was rescued by Marine guards from the U.S. ambassador’s residence a couple of blocks away.

With Rwanda, CRS confronted the bitter reality that decades of food assistance and agricultural programs had done nothing to heal social divisions between ethnic groups. “We knew about Hutu/Tutsi, we knew about the political interplay. But we just ignored it,” says Hackett. After Rwanda, after Sarajevo, after Somalia, Hackett pledged to commit the

agency to more directly promoting justice, the dignity of individuals, and the common good. Catholic Relief programs would tackle the structural causes of injustice and conflict, as well as the fallout. In CRS publications, the new focus is called the “justice lens.” “This was a sea change in the agency,” Hackett says, “and it’s still going on.” He points to peace-building initiatives with Rwandan youth, and to CRS support for the Bishops-Ulama Forum in Mindanao, Philippines, which brings Catholic and Protestant bishops together with Muslim leaders in a region where Muslim separatist groups have often resorted to bombings and kidnappings. Some 4 percent of CRS’s budget now goes to specific “peace and justice initiatives,” substantially less than the 16 percent invested directly in agricultural projects and the 15 percent spent on education and general health programs, but at roughly \$22 million, a significant sum.

**THROUGH ALL ITS TRANS-**formations, CRS remains importantly what it has always been, an agency on call, a first responder awaiting the next overseas natural or man-made disaster. A full 34 percent of its budget is expended in emergency relief. And so, in common with charities worldwide, Catholic Relief mounted a massive emergency response to the South Asian tsunami that struck on December 26, 2004. Speaking on PBS’s *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer* two days after the tsunami, Hackett described CRS’s immediate response to the devastation, which was to provide cash to the agency’s local partners in India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Thailand to cover emergency food and shelter needs, while mobilizing regional staff and sending in Patrick Johns from Baltimore to direct operations. The magnitude of the disaster, coming at the end of a year of trauma in Darfur and major hurricane emergencies in the Caribbean, would stretch CRS to the limit, Hackett stated, and he stressed the importance of collaboration among relief organizations. For five years afterward, he said, CRS expected to spend \$195 million on relief and long-term reconstruction in the



TOP: Hackett with students at a school in western Kenya, May 2006

BOTTOM: On the West Bank, after the April 2002 battle at the Jenin Refugee Camp, May 2002

area, of which \$172 million would likely come from private revenues—from corporations, foundations, and the American public, including collections by dioceses and parishes. Mark Melia, CRS director of annual giving and support, still looks awestruck when he reports that before the tsunami, Catholic Relief was raising \$1 million annually through its website but that after the tragedy the figure rose to \$1 million per day for three days. (American Catholics last year contributed some \$10 million to CRS through regularly scheduled diocesan collections; the U.S. bishops conference contributed \$11 million.)

Hackett visited the disaster zone twice within the first year. As a former field worker, he understands the value of showing solidarity with staff on the ground. And if he travels in the company of the CRS board’s chair, Bishop Robert Lynch of St. Petersburg, Florida, and board member Carolyn





TOP: With Bishop Robert Lynch, surveying tsunami damage in Banda Aceh, Indonesia, June 2006  
 BOTTOM: With Cardinal Theodore McCarrick and Sr. Nirmala, MC, in Sri Lanka, January 2005

Woo, dean of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame, as he did on his March 2005 trip, so much the better. A year and a half later, local CRS workers were still talking about the fact that Hackett stayed in the dorm-like Banda Aceh guesthouse, with its sulphurous smelling water and lack of flush toilets, rather than checking into a hotel.

From Aceh, Hackett, Lynch, and Woo went with Johns to Medan, the capital of North Sumatra province. As if to demonstrate that there's little rest for the head of an international aid agency, at around 11:00 P.M. a powerful earthquake shook their eight-story hotel for about 10 minutes and devastated the island of Nias off Sumatra's west coast, home to three million people.

"Ken gave me the green light," says Johns, and by the next day, CRS had chartered a 400-ton boat to transport emer-

gency supplies from its stores in Banda Aceh and those of other humanitarian agencies and the Indonesian government. CRS medical personnel were the first to arrive on the stricken island. "Spend whatever you need," Hackett told Johns, and supplies worth around \$1 million were diverted to Nias.

**EARTHQUAKES, TYPHOONS,** famine, drought, disease, and conflict have been the stuff of Hackett's professional life for decades, but his most recent pressing challenge is of a different nature. By a strange irony, the current Bush administration, which more than any other has championed the role of faith-based agencies in dispensing U.S. foreign aid, is increasingly shifting its aid policy toward what Hackett describes as "a narrow focus on security and antiterrorism." The new stance, marked by a "lack of attention to our traditional core constituency, the poorest of the poor," will make it "difficult to preserve a role for faith-based and community organizations" in federal foreign assistance, Hackett warned in testimony to a U.S. House subcommittee last September.

Over lunch in the Korean diner, he described how the administra-

tion's new focus plays out in the field: "The U.S. government bureaucrat in whatever country starts saying, 'OK, tell me how this welfare program that we're going to fund will support security interests and counterterrorism.'" How do you "tell the Missionaries of Charity, Mother Teresa's people in Ethiopia, that they have to evaluate their program for AIDS orphans and disabled kids on the basis of counterterrorism measures?" What's more, the government is increasingly requiring prior approval of local partners, endangering long-term relationships, he says. In the ever-fluctuating business of global charity, Hackett again finds himself making a case for the long view, for the slow work of fostering jobs and opportunity and stability, the necessary conditions for justice and peace. ■

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# Strong to the finish

## Photographs by Gary Wayne Gilbert

For the past four years, Boston College's best athletic team hasn't been on the ice at Conte Forum or the turf at Alumni Stadium, but on the chilly waters of Dorchester Bay. Since September 2003, the University's coed sailing team has been a fixture in *Sailing World* magazine's College Racing Top 20, a streak that encompasses 55 straight polls and includes seven number one rankings and 27 appearances in the top five. In the last 11 years, the team has included 13 All-Americans and eight All-American honorable mentions. Pete Spaulding '98 went on to place fifth in the 2004 Olympics in Athens. In 2001, Tyler Pruett '02 won the Everett B. Morris Trophy, sailing's equivalent of football's Heisman.

The University's 41 sailors hail mainly from the Northeast but also from as far away as California and Bermuda. The team competes in multiple coed and women's events (there is no men's collegiate sailing) on most weekends between September and November and again between February and May. "We can send people off to several events on a given weekend with confidence that they'll do well," says co-captain Alyson Whitehead '07.

According to Greg Wilkinson, who coaches the team with a calm attention to detail, collegiate sailing exists in a state of "pure amateurism." Separate from the NCAA, it has its own governing body, the Intercollegiate Sailing Association of North America. Scholarships or other financial aid on the basis of sailing ability are forbidden. Smaller schools like St. Mary's College of Maryland and Roger Williams University in Rhode Island compete—and succeed—alongside the likes of USC, Georgetown, and Boston College.

Nonetheless, sailing under the flag of a Division 1 athletic department offers advantages in terms of training facilities. Geography helps, too. New England (and Boston in particular) is a hotbed of college sailing, with schools like Harvard, MIT, Boston University, and Tufts continually producing competitive teams. "At any given time on a Thursday afternoon in the spring or fall, there are 15 or 20 All-Americans training within 10 miles of one another," says Wilkinson. Neighborly scrimmages are as competitive as many regattas.

The ultimate goal of winning a national championship has so far been elusive. On May 23–25, the women are set to try again, at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. The coed team will race in the dinghy championship regatta at Annapolis, May 27–June 1.

—Tim Czerwienski





ABOVE: Brooke Dow '07 and Spencer Powers '07, before the start of a practice race. BELOW: Senior captain Jay Connolly brings sails to the dock of the Savin Hill Yacht Club. NEXT PAGE: Chris Protasewich '10 and Christine Riley '08















ABOVE: Alden Reid '08 and Justine O'Connor '08 (with Boat 8) prepare to launch, while Byron Jamieson '09 and Nicole Benson '09 rig their boat.  
BELOW: Coach Greg Wilkinson marks time before signaling the start of a race.







ABOVE: (from left) Lauren Gillooly '09, Chas Bayer '08, Emily Flint '08, and Protasewich wait to be shuttled to their boats. BELOW: Racing on Dorchester Bay in 420-class dinghies. NEXT PAGE: Jamieson and Benson, rigged and ready





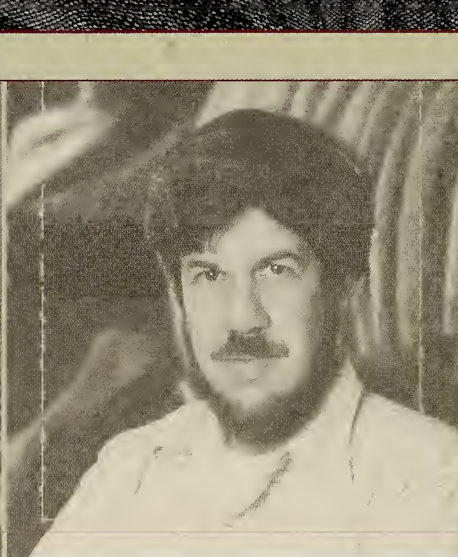
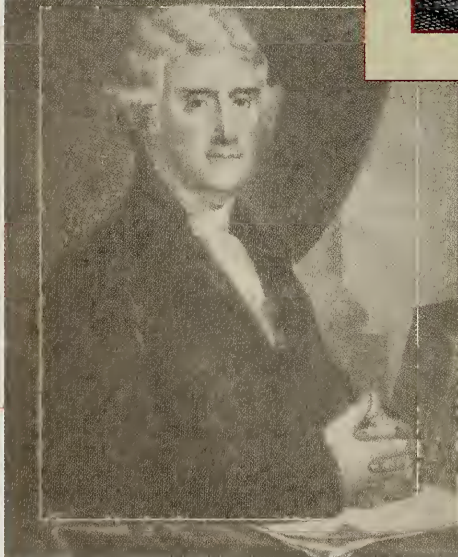
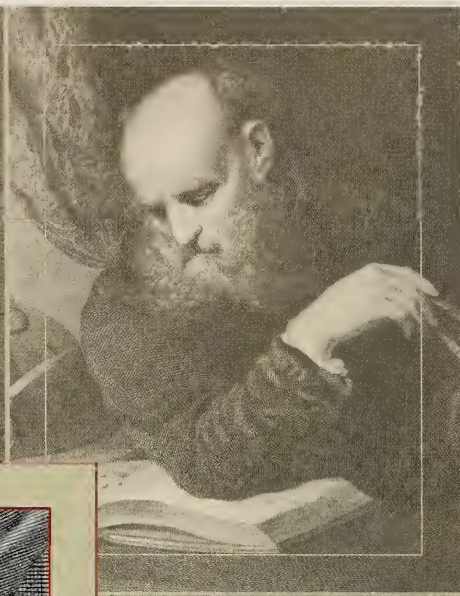
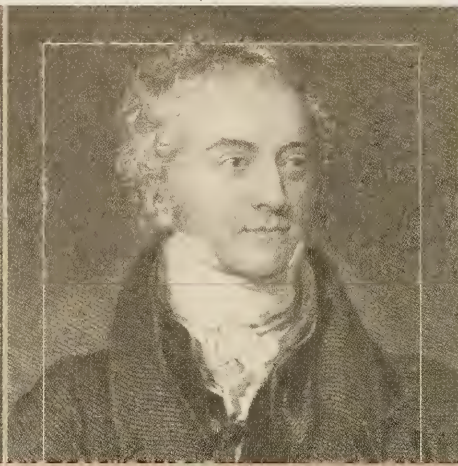
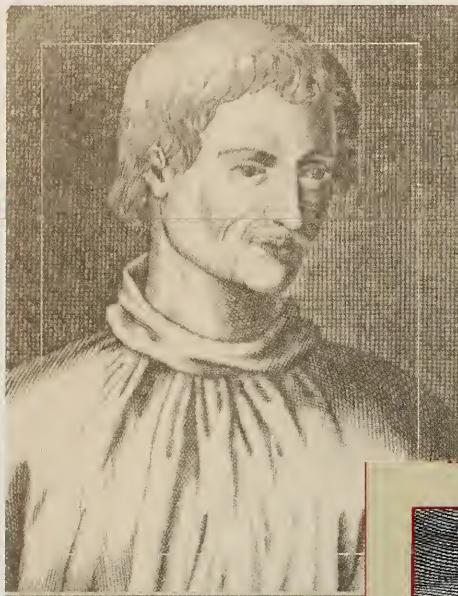






Steven (L) Brown







# KNOW IT ALL

**I**n May 2002, the 400th birthday of the German Jesuit Athanasius Kircher was celebrated with an academic conference at the NYU Institute of Humanities, in New York City. Convened under the unlikely slogan, “Was Athanasius Kircher just about the coolest guy ever, or what?” the conference, attended by some 250 people, was covered in a story in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* under the headline, “Athanasius Kircher, Dude of Wonders.” More than

300 years after his death, a man who had spent most of his life as a professor at the Jesuit college in Rome, the Collegio Romano, and who had labored in such esoteric precincts as Jewish mysticism and developing universal languages, had become an unlikely postmodern cultural hero.

Kircher (pronounced Keersh’er) was born in Geisa, a small German town, in 1602. His father was a lay lecturer in theology at a Benedictine seminary, and Athanasius was educated at a Jesuit school; he came to the Society of Jesus as a novice in 1618, the year marking the beginning of the Thirty Years War that brought violence, death, and destruction to much of Europe. Traveling across the terrain of warring

The 17th-century Jesuit  
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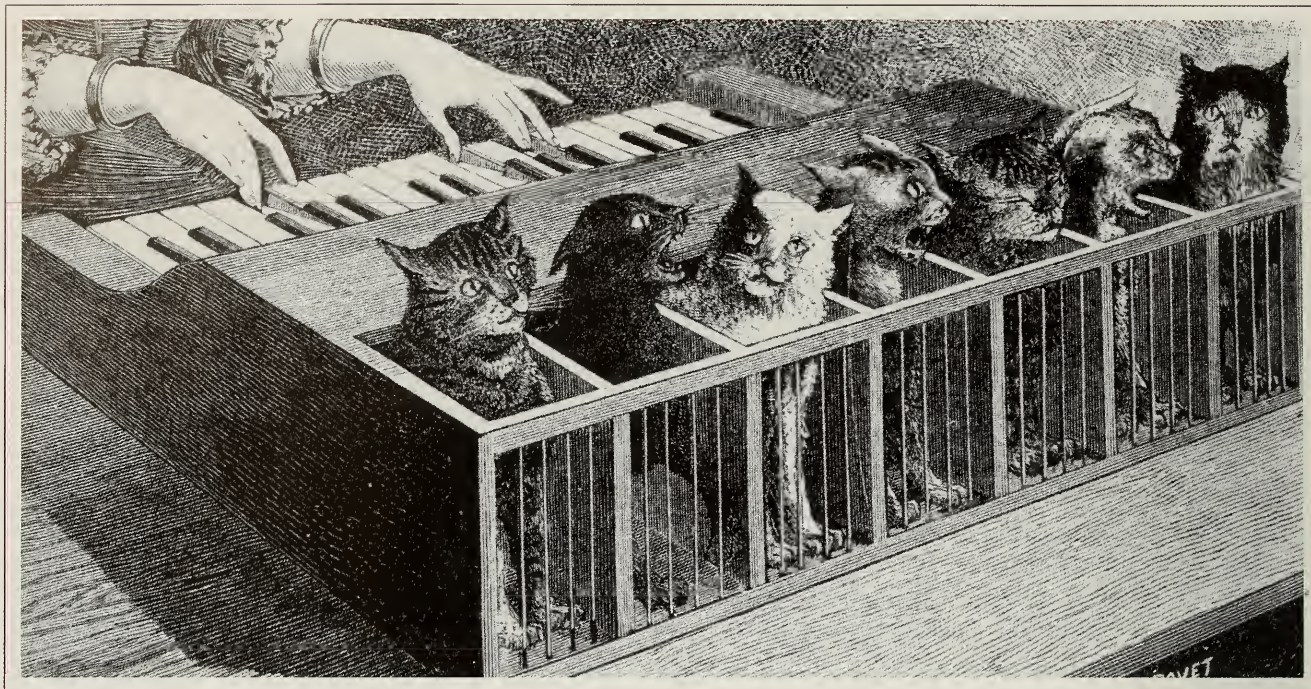
Catholic and Protestant armies in the black robe of a Jesuit novice, young Kircher was assaulted and nearly lynched by Protestant soldiers. He survived to pursue studies in the natural sciences and classical languages, eventually leaving the war zone of the German lands for Avignon, in France, and finally settling in Rome, where he became a teacher, scholar, and author of 30-plus books on subjects ranging from astronomy to cryptography to music.

Whether in science or letters, Kircher was particularly keen to

fathom the mysteries of his day. He invented musical instruments and descended into the crater of Mount Vesuvius, an exploration scientifically summed up in his *Mundus Subterraneus* (The Subterranean World) in 1665. He was a professor who (long before the discovery of the Rosetta Stone) believed that he had found the secrets of interpreting Egyptian hieroglyphics, and who accordingly deciphered the glyphs inscribed on obelisks that were on display in Rome; he thus explained the mysteries of ancient Egypt in his *Oedipus Aegyptiacus* (The Egyptian Oedipus), which was published in three volumes between 1652 and 1655. (The book was named for Oedipus, because, in Greek mythology,

Clockwise from top left, polymaths through the ages: Giordano Bruno, Thomas Young, Galileo Galilei, Emilie du Châtelet, Lewis Carroll, Stephen Jay Gould, Thomas Jefferson, Voltaire, and Athanasius Kircher (center)





The cat piano, described by Kircher in *Musurgia Universalis*

he had answered the riddles of the Sphinx.) In fact, we now know that Kircher could not really read hieroglyphics, but he thought he could, and his prestige was so great that his contemporaries gave him the benefit of the doubt, supposing that if anyone was genius enough to solve the linguistic riddle of the Egyptian sphinx, it would have to be Kircher. Kircher was deeply fascinated by languages. He mastered them, spent a great deal of time considering the history of the Tower of Babel, devised a machine for the translation of multiple languages, and sought to create a universal language for all nations. Such an ideal language would offer the perfect medium for comprehending universal knowledge, and Kircher's linguistic quest reflected his deep conviction of global intellectual unity and consistency. Kircher also established a museum in Rome to house his own collection of natural wonders and ingenious inventions, and he published his own expert, and mostly convincing, explications of magnetism, optics, Chinese monuments, and musical harmony, to cite a sampling from his range.

Unlike many famous Jesuits of his time—Matteo Ricci in China, Antonio Vieira in Brazil, or Jacques Marquette in North America—Kircher did not travel widely but spent most of his life at the Collegio Romano, and his papers remain largely in Rome. But as with most cool dudes, he does have a connection to California, where Stanford University is the home of the Athanasius Kircher Correspondence

Project, dedicated to putting online Kircher's entire correspondence with 17th-century Jesuits—an international network of colleagues whose intellectual curiosity and willingness to correspond with Kircher and send him materials nourished the professor's erudition.

Kircher's 17th-century museum was partly re-created in Rome in honor of the Kircher quadricentennial. According to historian Eugenio Lo Sardo, "In three years of research for the Rome exhibition recreating his museum, we did not find a single representation of the crucifix . . . the museum was filled with machines, wooden obelisks, infant skeletons, animals, Roman burial vases and heads, mosaics, coins, and so forth." The collection began to be dispersed after Kircher's death in 1680, lost more of its treasures and curiosities after the suppression of the Jesuits in 1773, and, still more, after papal Rome was joined to the Italian state in 1870. Some of Kircher's antiquities are today included in Italian national museum collections.

There has been an appreciative tribute to the Kircher museum at the unusual site of the Museum of Jurassic Technology on Venice Boulevard in Los Angeles. There the eccentric spirit of California encounters the peculiar spirit of baroque science in appreciation of Kircher's sunflower clock, which told the time as the flower turned to face the sun, or Kircher's speculative sketch for the completion of the Tower of Babel—a structure, he hoped to demonstrate, that could



not have reached the moon without upsetting the astronomical position of the earth.

In January 2007 the *New Yorker* reported the first meeting in Manhattan of the Athanasius Kircher Society, and, according to the *New Yorker*, “Kircher’s popularity is also growing among the general public, at least with a certain type of self-consciously twee New York hipster (the event sold out a month in advance), for whom YouTube is a modern-day Museum Kircherianum.” The meeting was attended by 400 people, and culminated in the hipster presentation of a model of a two-foot walrus penis bone, offered in the spirit of Kircher’s museum, which featured such unusual specimens of natural history.

WHAT HAS MADE KIRCHER SO alluring an intellectual figure at the beginning of the 21st century, whether in Rome or New York or California? Perhaps it is the fact that knowledge, in our time, moves centrifugally, with subspecialty succeeding specialty, and understanding receding from us faster than we can hope to chase it down. Today, science, at the most serious level, is scarcely accessible to a layman, or indeed to anyone outside the particular discipline; and it would be similarly difficult to find a particle physicist who could write a publishable poem or understand econometrics or DNA sequencing. And so a man like Kircher, whose range of intellectual accomplishment and influence encompasses magnetism, music, engineering, Kabbalah, languages, and sunflower clocks takes on an antique and heroic shine for us, and we turn him into something odd and therefore cool: *Athanasius Kircher: The Last Man Who Knew Everything*, in the title of a 2004 book edited by Stanford’s Paula Findlen.

But how much did he know? Unquestionably, Kircher was a brilliant polymath. Though he was, in fact, a man of the Baroque era, we might nowadays think of him as a Renaissance man, and in Kircher’s case the term would be almost literally apt, inasmuch as his lifetime followed almost immediately upon the age of the Renaissance. Just how

much he knew, however, is a matter in dispute. As noted earlier, it would turn out that his interpretations of hieroglyphics were just wrong, and even some of his contemporaries followed his intellectual feats with less than complete conviction. “I wish I could hold back the force of my laughter when I think about the Kircherian squaring of the circle,” wrote one French observer in the 1640s about Kircher’s mathematical claims. Yet, even if Kircher manifestly did not “know everything,” there is also no doubt that in the 17th

century it was possible for an intellectually ambitious scholar, such as Kircher, to achieve a more approximate pretension to universal knowledge than would be plausible in any of the centuries since.

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TO TRACE THAT GAP BETWEEN the sciences and humanities that has developed over the past three centuries, rendering the comprehensively erudite person extinct, we have to step back 150 years or so from Kircher’s time, to that of Leonardo da Vinci (1452–1519), the most supremely multitalented man of the Italian Renaissance, who was not only the artist of the *Mona Lisa* and the *Last Supper*, but also an anatomist, a military engineer, and the designer of aerodynamic flying machines. Michelangelo (1475–1564) was scarcely less varied in his Renaissance genius, adding architecture and poetry to painting and sculpture. In both cases, art of the human form was inseparable from the science of human anatomy, and therefore art and science, to some practical

extent, were strongly linked.

Closer to Kircher, both in historical epoch and in intellectual temperament, was the celebrated 16th-century philosopher and astronomer Giordano Bruno (1548–1600), who, it happens, was burned at the stake as a heretic in Rome, two years before Kircher was born in Germany. Bruno was a Renaissance humanist who studied the Greek and Roman classics, a natural scientist who sought in the study of nature the key to the secrets of the universe, and an astronomer convinced of the truth of the Copernican heliocentric solar system. Copernicus had published his revolutionary astronomi-

cal findings without great acclaim or great scandal in 1543, the year of his own death, and Bruno was one of the handful of philosophical humanists who embraced the Copernican scientific vision in the later 16th century and found himself up against the Roman Inquisition.

Bruno had his own reasons for wanting to know everything: He believed that knowing everything about nature would make it possible to practice a kind of natural magic. He particularly cherished the wisdom of the ancient Egyptians, as he understood it (and misunderstood it) to represent an original and universal religion that anticipated Christianity. Bruno's Egyptian obsessions brought him ultimately to the stake, along with a range of other heretical convictions, some of them astronomical and scientific. Bruno's tragic fate offers us a reminder that the ambition to know everything was sometimes perilous, even fatal; and the Jesuit Kircher would always have to be on his guard that his erudition did not compromise his orthodoxy.

What Bruno and Kircher had most in common was an intellectual temperament that is entirely remote from modern ideas about the pursuit of knowledge. They both believed that it was worth pursuing every disparate field precisely because the fields were not disparate, but branches of knowledge intimately connected to one another—that hieroglyphics and astronomy, volcanic eruptions and musical harmonies all drew from, and contributed to understanding the providentially interrelated mysteries of the universe. God's design of and presence in the universe was the guarantee that all the diverse details would ultimately cohere, that Egyptian hieroglyphics and Jewish Kabbalistic mysticism would, if properly understood, confirm Christian truth. Kircher titled one discussion of fossils: "How God, with the cooperation of Nature, produces such prodigious images." Fossils, whose enormous geological age would later produce crises of faith for more modern paleontologists, were piously interpreted by Kircher as wondrous signs from God.

Kircher established himself in Rome at the Collegio Romano in 1633, a fateful year in the history of the city, the history of science, and the history of Roman Catholicism. It was the year of the Roman Inquisition's condemnation of Galileo for teaching the heliocentric conception of the solar system. Galileo was required to recant his conviction that the earth moves around the sun. Had he not recanted, the most famous scientist in Europe—himself a Renaissance polymath, as writer, philosopher, mathematician, astronomer, and physicist—might have suffered the fate of Bruno.

Kircher was certainly aware of the cautionary Roman examples of Bruno's execution and Galileo's condemnation. The cultural vigilance of the Roman Inquisition in the age of the Catholic Counter-Reformation created intellectual constraints for any scholar, and greater danger for a polymath. Scholars have tended to suppose that Kircher, with all his sci-

entific erudition, may also have privately acknowledged some validity in Copernicanism, but he was a Jesuit—living, writing, and teaching in Rome. He would have had to consider the proposition, articulated by St. Ignatius, that "the white which I see is black if the hierarchical Church so decides." It was a principle by no means conducive to knowing everything, and Kircher, who faced institutional Jesuit censorship in his writings, was always careful about Copernicanism. His scientific calculation of the impossibility of building the Tower of Babel—a tower that would reach the heavens—rested on the Aristotelian premise of a motionless earth. Indeed, it is possible that Kircher's fascination with the Tower of Babel was in itself an acknowledgment of the intellectual presumption of the kind of men who offended God by claiming to know everything—and were punished by the destruction of their project and the fragmentation of their universal language. A man might become a polymath, after all, but true omniscience appertained to God alone.

In the 1660s, himself in his sixties, Kircher became very sick and feared he was dying. In his sickness he had a dream—"a deep and most delightful dream that lasted the entire night." He dreamed that he had been elected pope, and that the whole Roman Catholic world was celebrating his election. Paula Findlen has written:

Kircher's dream was a fantasy of a society in his own image, a universal celebration of knowledge and faith in the heart of the Eternal City . . . Kircher's fantasy in his sixties serves to remind us that his ambitions transcended his specific intellectual interests. He had a vision of how knowledge might transform the world. At the heart of Kircher's quest for omniscience lay a strong conviction that the world would be a better place if knowledge perpetuated the true faith.

Was this perhaps also a fantasy of emancipation, of submitting his titanic intellect to no higher earthly authority than himself as pope?

IN COUNTER-REFORMATION ROME, THE CAPITAL OF Roman Catholicism, Kircher's knowledge became a part of Rome's spectacular adornment. Even as Egyptian obelisks were erected to punctuate the great piazzas of the cityscape, Kircher piously interpreted the pagan glyphs so as make them religiously acceptable in Rome. (In the 2,000 pages of the *Egyptian Oedipus* he suggested that hieroglyphics preserved biblical wisdom from before Noah's flood.) And his museum was one of the sights of the city: "No foreign visitor who has not seen the Roman College museum can claim that he has truly been in Rome." Who said it? Kircher said it himself, but there was no lack of eminent visitors to prove his point.



## HOLDING THE CENTER

*A task force tries to build 21st-century connections among the disciplines*

The French philosopher René Descartes once recalled that as a university student, he learned, among other worthwhile things, that “fiction enlivens the mind, famous deeds of history ennoble it . . . [and] mathematics has very subtle processes” that satisfy the intellect and edify all of the liberal arts.

Descartes wrote as an intellectual product of the 17th century as well as of Jesuit education, which was designed with the understanding that knowledge is interrelated and that human beings could be fluent, if not influential, in many fields of inquiry. It was a time when a René Descartes could spearhead a school of philosophy (rationalism) and spawn a branch of mathematics (analytical geometry).

Roughly two centuries later, at Oxford, Cardinal John Henry Newman was still describing pedagogic reality when he spoke of the modern university as “a place of con-course” where people share all kinds of knowledge. Today, many would say the communities of conversation that Newman prized have given way to islands of inquiry, and the scholarly disciplines through which Descartes moved freely have become “a multitude of academic tribes and territories,” in the words of education scholar Burton R. Clark—largely a result of something most people are thankful for: the burgeoning of scientific disciplines.

In the coming decades, empirical-based knowledge will continue to grow within an array of disciplines and subdisciplines, notes Boston College provost Cutberto Garza, who cites the proliferation of medical technologies as a prime example.

As a pediatrician and longtime consultant on childhood nutrition, Garza welcomes new medical understandings, no matter how many subdisciplines they engender. As the chief academic officer at the kind of university that educated Descartes and inspired Newman, however, Garza is not about to give up on the notion that a college is more than a landscape of independent disciplinary fiefdoms. On a humanistic note, Garza suggests, “I can learn more about what it means to grow old from reading Shakespeare than from the most knowledgeable texts on geriatrics.” But Garza has practical concerns as well: Complex problems such as climate change and global health can only be solved through complex solutions, which requires that researchers leave their monodisciplinary “silos” to develop multifaceted responses, he says.

Fraternizing helps, which is why Garza recently put together a “First Thursday” affair of faculty from across the departmental divide that meets monthly in Connolly House



Clockwise from top left: Garza, Young, O'Connor, and Schor

for drinks and colloquy. Between 60 and 80 professors have turned out for each of the first few gatherings. Far more ambitiously, the University plans to launch a think tank that would “promote and support the multidisciplinary idea” among faculty as well as students, says Garza, who has convened a nine-person steering committee for what will become the Institute for Liberal Arts. Making Boston College “the leader in liberal arts education among American universities” is one of seven goals outlined in the University’s strategic plan approved last year, and the institute’s aim is to bolster liberal arts scholarship by providing rewards (such as research grants and publication venues) for interdisciplinary teaching and research.

For example, says Vice Provost for Faculties Patricia DeLeeuw, who chairs the steering committee, a “City and Urban Culture” course might be taught by English, history, and political science faculty, linking students with museums, social agencies, and other institutions off-campus. Though tested and designed by the institute, courses like this will be offered through existing departments and programs, says DeLeeuw, who expects the institute to call for research and teaching proposals during the 2007–08 academic year.

The issue of liberal arts education is a concern beyond Boston College. Harvard University, for one prominent example, has been struggling for years to broaden and in-

tegrate its undergraduate curriculum so as to help students "understand how everything that we teach in the arts and sciences relates to their lives and to the world they will confront." In February, a faculty panel called for a core curriculum that would replace distribution requirements dating to the 1970s and emphasize subjects such as "Empirical Reasoning" and (controversially among some secular-minded people) "Culture and Belief" rather than academic disciplines.

In an effort of this kind, a core curriculum shared by all students is considered an important tool. Boston College's current core curriculum, last revised in the early 1990s, is descended from the *Ratio Studiorum* or "plan of studies," published by the Jesuits in 1599 and which was not so much a core curriculum as it was the curriculum for all students at Jesuit colleges and universities. Organized around what Descartes fondly recalled as "all the great books . . . of earlier times" along with the fine arts and exact sciences, the *Ratio* reigned for centuries, and its influence continued to be felt at Boston College until about 1970, when the curriculum steeped in philosophy and theology was whittled down to two years of requirements intended to produce a graduate conversant with literature, history, geography, rhetoric, Latin, math, and natural science, according to Thomas O'Connor, the University's historian.

That earlier core allowed students to choose between such disciplines as fine arts and mathematics, accentuating over time a cultural gap between what one student referred to as "the literary flakes and the science nerds," recalls Richard Cobb-Stevens, a philosophy professor and director of the University Core Development Committee. The 11-member committee is the guardian of Boston College's core curriculum, a breadth of offerings with shared characteristics, including discussion of perennial questions, culturally diverse perspectives, and attention to the values absorbed by students through their course work. Founded in 1991, shortly after the introduction of the refashioned core, the committee considers new courses, meets regularly with representatives of departments, and holds open meetings with students twice a year. Cobb-Stevens says the committee operates by unwritten "common sense" guidelines, which include being on the lookout for electives masquerading as core courses—for example, a philosophy course that focuses on just one philosopher, neglecting the "historical view of knowledge" required of core courses.

As is the new planning committee, Cobb-Stevens and his colleagues are looking to generate interdisciplinary courses as a way of helping students relate one subject to another. But he adds that faculty (especially in natural sciences) are scarcely lining up to teach cross-cutting courses

such as one that would examine the history of scientific insight. The reason, he says, has to do with pressures inevitably weighing on scientists and others as specialists at a major research university, pressures wrapped in a discipline-ruled system that delivers rewards for research in highly specific areas. And a course on scientific insight—"New Scientific Visions"—is in fact taught out of a program managed by the philosophy department.

For similarly compelling reasons, full-time faculty aren't always queuing for teaching assignments in the Arts & Sciences Honors Program, which is grounded in the great books and great works of art and music, says program director Mark O'Connor. Professor Avner Ash, who teaches full-time in the mathematics department and took on an honors course in modernism this year, points out that most of his fellow mathematicians wouldn't feel competent to teach a class that includes readings in 20th-century philosophy and literature (subjects Ash says he has always pursued as an avocation), but he also says a math professor may find it easier than a scientist to scoop out time for such a teaching venture. "We don't have labs, which are like full-time jobs" in themselves.

The planned Institute for Liberal Arts is not intended to replace any liberal arts programs or core requirement, but it will be "the place where faculty and students come together to think about the liberal arts," says DeLeeuw. She and others behind the initiative see it partly as a way of preparing students for citizenship in an irreversibly complex world, helping them—with courses like the one on urban culture past and present—to "not only describe the complexities of life but also to make informed choices."

Some believe that the structures of human knowledge that began sundering amid the scientific revolution are coalescing once again, as ever-more specialized research becomes embedded, paradoxically, in multidisciplinary contexts. "I think that will be the dominant story of the 21st century" in higher education, predicts BC sociology professor Juliet Schor, a member of Garza's liberal arts planning committee. Others, like Cynthia Young of African and African diaspora studies (another committee member), see multidisciplinary rhetoric far outstripping academic reality. Both Schor and Young, however, have noticed the same yearnings among their students for a more engaged education that draws the intellectual links—and connects to their lives and roles as citizens. Says Young, "I think students are really hungering for a sense of how what they're doing on campus feeds into the real world, and we need to provide space" for them to make those connections.

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In the early 18th century Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, the German philosopher and mathematician, considered Kircher's interpretation of Egyptian hieroglyphics, and tersely concluded: "He understands nothing." Kircher had died in 1680, and the Enlightenment was about to establish a radically different conception of what it meant to know everything—and understand nothing. The polymathic hero of the Enlightenment was Voltaire: philosopher, poet, playwright, novelist, global historian, social critic, and an advocate of science. In the 1730s, just 50 years after Kircher's death, Voltaire posed the question of who was the greatest man who ever lived, and he answered with a name that Kircher may never have known: Isaac Newton.

For Voltaire in the 18th century, the scientific revolution in physics and mathematics, as expressed in the invention of calculus by Newton and Leibniz, turned the mysteries of the universe into mathematical problems. In the 1730s and 1740s, Voltaire and the woman he loved, the marquise Emilie du Châtelet, dedicated themselves, in what may well be history's greatest polymathic romance, to the translation of Newton's *Principia Mathematica* from Latin into French, so that the scientific revolution might be established as the basis of modern knowledge for the enlightened public. Madame du Châtelet was a more brilliant mathematician than Voltaire, but he was the foremost figure of French letters, and within their relationship they sought to bridge the gap between sciences and letters, a gap that was all the more striking in the post-Newtonian modern world that Kircher did not live to see. "One writes verses in his corner, the other triangles in hers," noted a contemporary observer about the romance of Voltaire and the marquise, but the comment misunderstood the intellectual synthesis that they were seeking together.

Voltaire's work exists in 100 volumes, more massive than Kircher's oeuvre; Voltaire's correspondence takes up another 100 volumes, again more extensive than Kircher's epistolary legacy; and Voltaire furthermore transformed the con-

cept of what it meant to "know everything." If the Newtonian revolution seemed to open up new vistas for the advancement of scientific knowledge, Voltaire was correspondingly deprecating about the possibilities for philosophical knowledge, and especially dubious about theological erudition. Voltaire composed a *Philosophical Dictionary*, reevaluating philosophical concepts alphabetically, from Atheism to Virtue, and radically demolishing conventional, traditional, and religious wisdom in each case. Under the let-

ter T, Voltaire wrote about a hypothetical *theologian* in the age of Enlightenment: "The more truly learned he became, the more he doubted all he knew." Mathematical uncertainty in some arenas was balanced by philosophical skepticism in others—a recognition (now commonplace, but then new) of the limits of human knowledge.

Voltaire was well aware of Kircher's erudition, and in a work on "The Elements of the Philosophy of Newton," discussed whether Newton might have taken from Kircher the idea that sound was analogous to light. Elsewhere, writing about China, Voltaire cited Kircher as "one of our most intrepid antiquarians," and in one of his letters, dated 1764, requested a copy of Kircher's book about Egypt (presumably the *Egyptian Oedipus*). Voltaire then remarked, as if to laugh at himself for wanting even to consult such a work, "I have become horribly pedantic." Though Voltaire clearly found use for Kircher's works and ideas, less than 100 years

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UNIVERSAL KNOWLEDGE IN THE 18TH CENTURY WAS, in any event, conceived as a collective encyclopedic project, not a feat of individual intellect. Perhaps the most important intellectual monument of the French Enlightenment was the multivolume encyclopedia edited by Diderot and d'Alembert and published in the 1750s and 1760s. In England the first edition of the *Encyclopedia Britannica* was completed in 1771. Since no individual could plausibly write an entire

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Kircher's depiction of the origin of Chinese characters, from *China Illustrata*

encyclopedia, the mark of the enlightened polymath was his capacity to contribute entries across a variety of fields without any pretense to universal knowledge. In the early 19th century, new articles for the *Encyclopedia Britannica* were contributed in tremendous variety by Thomas Young, who wrote about “Languages,” “Tides,” “Carpentry,” “Steam Engine,” “Weights and Measures”—and, in Kircher’s traces, “Egypt.” Young was a medical doctor by profession, who made particular contributions to ophthalmology, but also, in physics and optics, challenged Newton by arguing that light was more likely composed of waves than of particles. Finally, a genius with languages, Young was fascinated by hieroglyphics, and studied the Rosetta Stone.

Two years after *Athanasius Kircher: The Last Man Who Knew Everything* appeared, Andrew Robinson published a biography of Thomas Young titled *The Last Man Who Knew Everything* (Pi, 2006). Young, however, lived in a world in which the notion of knowing everything had been recast. The supposed unity of the fields of knowledge was no longer taken for granted, though the emerging gap between science and letters could still be bridged by dedicated post-Newtonian polymaths like Voltaire, Madame du Châtelet, Thomas Jefferson, and Goethe.

As a student at Cambridge University in the 1790s, Young, according to Robinson, was noticeably different from his fellow students:

In his manners he had something of the stiffness of the Quakers remaining [Young had left the Quaker faith in which he was raised]; and though he never said or did a rude thing, he never made use of any of the forms of politeness. Not that he avoided them through affectation; his behavior was natural without timidity, and easy without boldness. He rarely associated with the young men of the college, who called him, with a mixture of derision and respect, Phenomenon Young.

One century after Kircher’s death, the phenomenon of the polymath could already look something like the unfashionable modern nerd.

One century later still, on the Victorian stage, the figure of the presumptive polymath would become the lovable object of comic derision, as in 1879 when Gilbert and Sullivan, in the *Pirates of Penzance*, presented their model of a modern major-general.

I am the very model of a modern Major-General,  
I’ve information vegetable, animal, and mineral,  
I know the kings of England, and I quote the  
fights historical,  
From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical;  
I’m very well acquainted too with matters  
mathematical,



I understand equations, both the simple and  
quadratical,  
About binomial theorem I'm teeming with a lot  
o' news—  
With many cheerful facts about the square of  
the hypotenuse.

THE TOWERING GENIUSES of the nineteenth century—Marx and Darwin come immediately to mind—had an enormous influence on a great variety of disciplines, though they themselves did not aspire to be polymaths. Freud, in the later 19th century and early 20th century, was similarly tremendous in his multidisciplinary influence, offering radically new understandings of almost every aspect of psyche, family, society, and culture, including the religion of ancient Egypt and the art of Renaissance men like Leonardo and Michelangelo. Yet, Marx, Darwin, and Freud, for all their varied intellectual interests and ultimately far-ranging intellectual influences, were never engaged, like Kircher, in a project of mastering all knowledge. Rather, the individual Victorian genius offered big ideas with universal implications.

A more convincing Victorian polymath of the old style, with fields of expertise on opposite banks of the growing chasm between science and letters, needed two names to define his range: Charles Dodgson for teaching mathematics and mathematical logic at Oxford, and Lewis Carroll for writing *Alice in Wonderland* in 1865 and *Through the Looking-Glass* in 1871. Add to that the growing recognition today that Dodgson-Carroll was one of the most interesting (and disturbing) Victorian artists working with the new technology of photography. This unusual triple expertise (joined to the fact that Dodgson-Carroll was also an Anglican clergyman) dramatizes the difficulty, indeed the impossibility, of polymathy in an increasingly centrifugal intellectual universe. The passion for logical puzzles, the peculiar literary genius of *Wonderland* and other works, the powerful photo-

graphs of little girls, all contributed to make the polymath an odd thing: a Victorian eccentric.

WHAT WOULD IT MEAN TO BE A POLYMATH IN OUR own times? The evolutionary biologist Stephen Jay Gould, who died tragically young at the age of 60 in 2002, the year of Kircher's quadricentennial, was often called a Renaissance man, and was even described in a review as "a member of the endangered species known as the ruby-throated poly-

math." Certainly, Gould was the most dazzling polymath whom I have personally ever known. His triple professorship at Harvard was in biology, geology, and the history of science—but he found his principal academic identity as a paleontologist and evolutionary theorist. A brilliant writer, he became a celebrity with books and essays that were intended to bring scientific issues to a broad public. Both scientist and historian of science, he was additionally a celebrated baseball writer and an active musical performer in the chorus of the Boston Cecilia Society, during the years when its landmark cycle of Handel oratorios helped to make Boston one of the world centers for early music.

Gould could move with intellectual aplomb among his fields of expertise, even exploring the relations among those fields with the very old-fashioned conviction that meaningful connections could and should be made. In one book, *Full House: The Spread of Excellence from Plato*

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to Darwin (Harmony, 1996), he first offered an extensive statistical analysis of why no one has batted over .400 since Ted Williams in 1941, and then brought a related statistical analysis to bear upon issues in the evolution of plankton. In the 1,400-page academic tome that he published in the year of his death, *The Structure of Evolutionary Theory* (Harvard, 2002), Gould analyzed the intellectual history of evolutionary theory since Darwin, in order to articulate his own conception of evolution. He concluded with reference to Tolstoy's philosophy of history in *War and Peace*, the better to emphasize the crucial Gouldian point of evolutionary

contingency, which postulates that evolution, like history, developed unpredictably in response to “a thicket of apparently inconsequential and independent details,” rather than following any sort of overarching, predetermined, or providential plan. In *Wonderful Life* (Norton, 1989) Gould indicated some of the possible alternative paths of contingent evolution, and, typically, made reference to both Alexander Pope and Mark Twain, while proposing that the emergence of *Homo sapiens* was not necessarily the preordained outcome of evolutionary history.

Gould was a great bibliophile, who collected rare books of relevance to the history of science, and that is why he happened to own a copy of Athanasius Kircher’s *Mundus Subterraneus*. So, in 1999, when Gould published an article in *Natural History* on the history of geology, he took up the *Mundus Subterraneus* in order to quote Kircher’s earlier “catastrophic” perspective on geology, and translated his account of climbing Mount Vesuvius in order to enter the crater:

In the middle of the night, I climbed the mountain with great difficulty, moving upward along steep and rugged paths, toward the crater, which, horrible to say, I saw before me, lit entirely by fire and flowing pitch, and enveloped by noxious fumes of sulphur . . . Oh, the immensity of divine power and God’s wisdom! How incomprehensible are thy ways! If, in thy power, such fearful portents of nature now punish the duplicity and maliciousness of men, how shall it be on that last day when the earth, subjected to thy divine anger, is dissolved by heat into its elements.

For Gould, Kircher’s catastrophism was not an instance of unscientific piety, but rather a valid alternative to the modern gradualist conception of geological development, and, in Gould’s case, scientifically useful for framing his own view of irregularities in the geological record as evidence of “punctuated equilibria” in the uneven course of evolution.

Gould wrote one last essay about Kircher (published posthumously in Findlen’s volume), in which the most celebrated paleontologist of the 20th century argued that the 17th-century Jesuit’s appreciation of fossils was more subtle and more modern than has generally been supposed. Gould concluded on a note of admiration, denouncing “the harmful mythology that has depicted this great Jesuit scholar as a reactionary theological dogmatist, actively retarding or even subverting the progress of science.”

For Kircher in the 17th century, still at the beginning of the scientific revolution, it was possible to believe that all of science and letters might lie within the intellectual capacity of a single genius, and, perhaps even more significant, to believe that all fields of knowledge were ultimately related within God’s providential ordering of the universe. Kircher never had to learn calculus, which Leibniz and Newton were

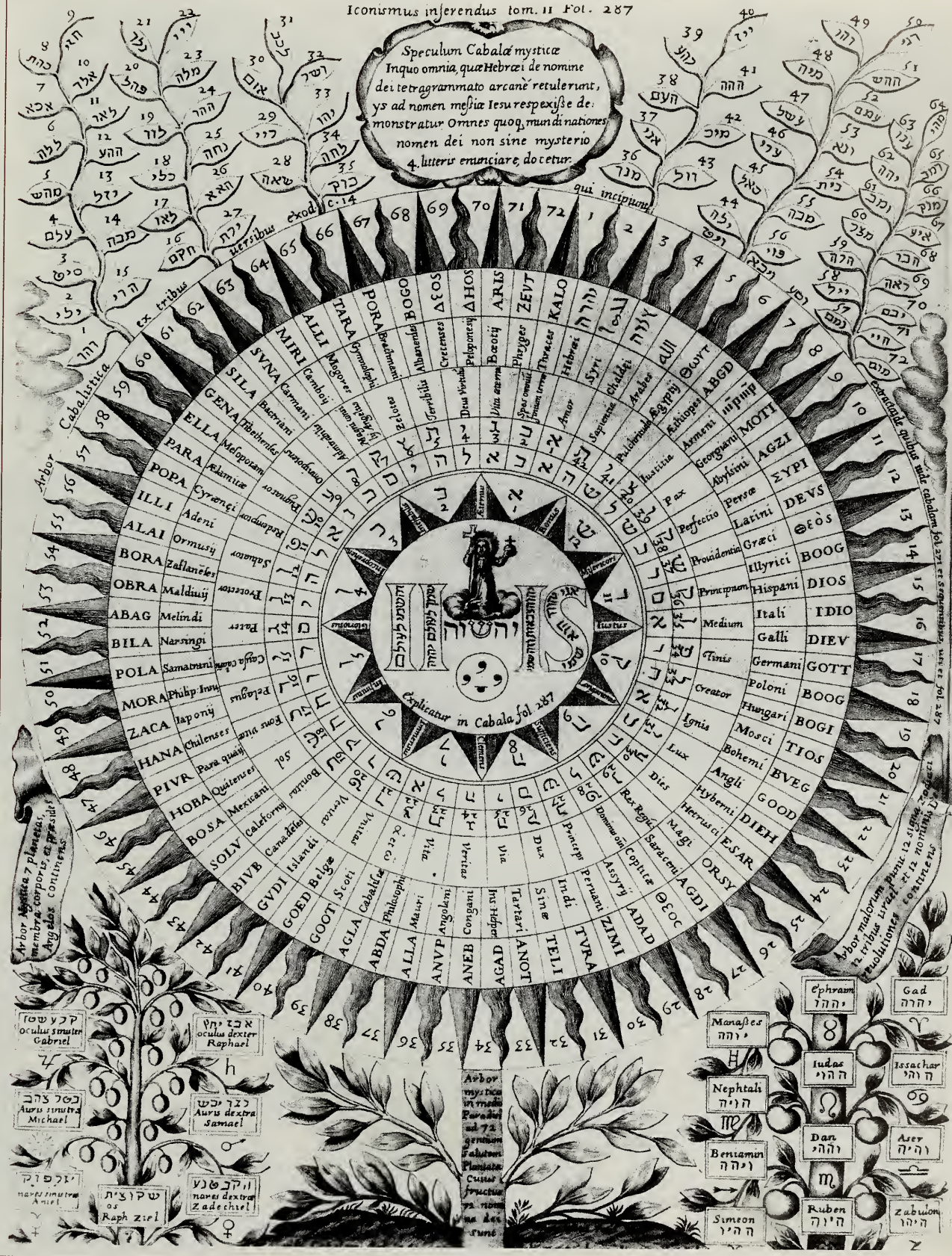
then only just beginning to formulate. For Gould in the 20th century, the century of nuclear physics, it would have been unthinkable to imagine anything like Kircher’s aspiration to universal knowledge, and, even in Gould’s own field of evolutionary biology, the pace of development was such that his death in 2002 preceded by only a year the complete sequencing of the human genome with its dramatic implications for the future of the field.

Kircher’s perspective on fossils—considering “how God, with the cooperation of Nature, produces such prodigious images”—would have seemed alien to the 20th-century paleontologist, and Gould’s view of evolution particularly rejected providential explanations, notably, the notion that the evolution of *Homo sapiens* was the intended culmination of natural history. Yet, Kircher’s polymathy, with his relish for the prodigious and manifold wonders of creation, was not altogether unlike the gusto with which Gould addressed the wondrous biological variety of natural history (*Wonderful Life!*) and the most diverse fields of human knowledge: from baseball statistics to Gilbert and Sullivan patter songs. And while he would surely have rejected Kircher’s Renaissance conviction that all the branches of knowledge were interrelated as aspects of the divine purpose, Gould did believe that seemingly remote fields could offer one another oddly illuminating insights: One of his most famous articles on evolution, coauthored with Richard Lewontin in 1979, made use of the architectural spandrels of San Marco in Venice as a way of thinking about structural aspects of biological evolution. Likewise, issues of statistical probability made it possible for Gould to think in a comparative and analogous fashion about evolution and Joe DiMaggio’s hitting streak. These were glancing comparisons, striking analogies, far from Kircher’s unified conception of knowledge, but perhaps every polymath enjoys a particular thrill at discovering the points of intersection among the far-flung realms of human knowledge.

Gould, writing about Kircher, noted with particular sympathy the great Jesuit’s underlying humility: “In spending so much time reading the *Mundus Subterraneus* and other works by Kircher, I have developed enormous respect, not so much for the power of his insights and assertions, but for the quality of his doubts, and for his willingness to grope and struggle with material that he understood only poorly by his own admission.” It must be the case for all celebrated polymaths, in every century, that they themselves know, as surely as they know anything, that they, like us, do not know everything. ■

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A Kabbalah-inspired illustration by Kircher, from *Oedipus Aegyptiacus*



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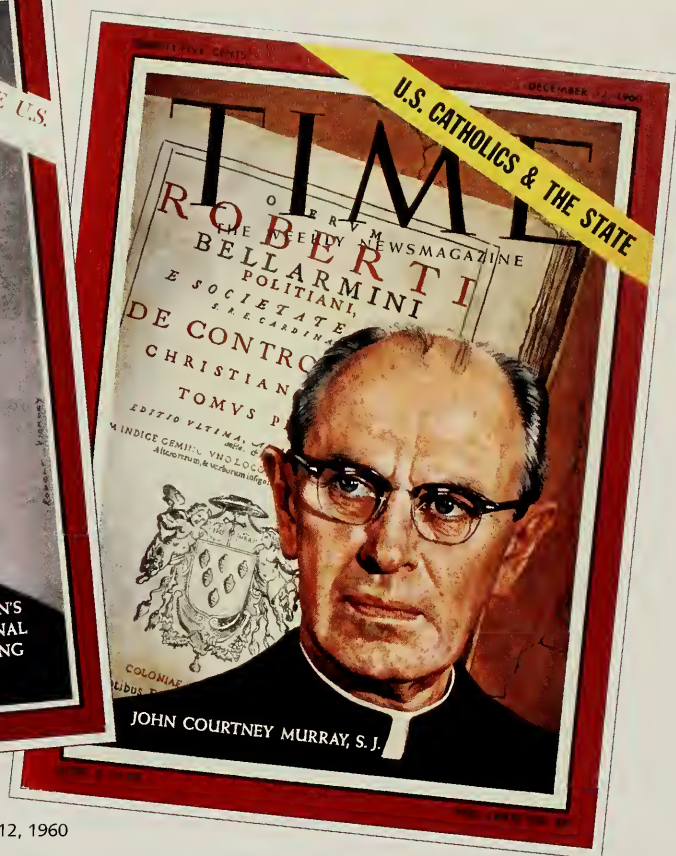
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From the McMullen Museum of Art

A special exhibition at the McMullen Museum of Art through July 22 focuses on Belgium's contribution to modern art between 1890 and the onset of World War II through 53 works, mostly new to North America, from the Henry and Françoise Simon Collection. Below is *The Accordion Player* (oil on canvas, 53.1 x 47.2 inches), by the Flemish painter Gustave de Smet. The show is curated by fine arts professor Jeffery Howe. To view more images, go to [www.bc.edu/bcm](http://www.bc.edu/bcm).







Cardinal Cushing (left), August 21, 1964; Fr. Murray, December 12, 1960

## ON AUTHORITY

by James Carroll

**How American ideals have changed the Catholic Church**

THE STORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND DEMOCRACY begins with condemnation. Through the 19th century, for a variety of reasons, the Church was locked in struggle with many of the ideas associated with what would come to be called "liberal democracy," ideas well established in the political culture of the United States. Religious pluralism, the separation of church and state, freedom of the press, government based on natural rights—such notions were anathema in Rome, a way of thinking condemned by Pius IX in his 1864 "Syllabus of Errors." In 1899 when Leo XIII denounced as heresy what he called "Americanism" in his Apostolic Letter *Testem Benevolentiae*, it seemed the fulfillment of a long-simmering hostility.

Pope Leo's concern was less with how democratic nations organized themselves than with the way in which the ideology basic to such organization—individual liberty—seemed to be taking root inside the Church. To be sure, Europe also had its demo-

cratic movements, and from Marx to Nietzsche there were ample manifestations of the modernism against which the Vatican had set itself. But it was America's relativists such as William James and pragmatists such as John Dewey—more benign in their social designs than their European counterparts—who seemed especially threatening because, in the New World, ideas of social transformation came wrapped in claims to virtue, even piety.

In the United States, religious identity was defined by personal choice, which meant that private conscience took precedence over institutional authority. The nation paid devoted lip service to a deist God, but that deity was not a creator personally invested in the ongoing act of creation. With their subversion of ecclesial hierarchy—suggesting also rejection of a hierarchy of truth—most Americans were seen by Rome to be practicing a sham Christianity, a prelude to secularism. And now, said Leo XIII, there were American Catholics who, like carriers of infection, wanted to

bring this disorder into the Church and assume the “right to hold whatever opinions one pleases upon any subject.”

The condemnation of Americanism at the end of the 19th century certainly did not finish it. American Catholics continued to take religious instruction from their broader culture. But by the early 1940s, a homegrown bastion against Americanism had been erected, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, at the St. Benedict Center near Harvard University. The chaplain of the center was a Jesuit named Leonard Feeney, whose genius was to settle on a single issue that could be wielded like a sword: *Extra Ecclesiam nulla salus*

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(“Outside the Church there is no salvation”). The phrase was first used by the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215. Fr. Feeney's campaign, embodied in highly publicized sermons that he delivered on Boston Common, seemed to take special aim at Jews, whose rejection of Jesus as Messiah (not to mention the association of certain Jews with political and cultural revolution) made them, in his view, an enemy of Roman Catholicism.

On the question of what is required for salvation, Feeney was right in insisting that his was the traditional, orthodox position. He had popes and Church councils on his side going back a thousand years; moreover, instilling terror of eternal damnation had long been the Church's most potent mechanism for exercising authority.

Fueling Feeney was his sense that the Americanist disease had taken hold within Catholicism, and not only on the fringes. In 1943, for instance, an encyclical of Pius XII, *Mystici Corporis Christi*, had spoken of the Church as a “mystical” body to which others (non-Catholics) could belong “by an unconscious desire and longing.” This seemed an opening to amorphous notions of Church membership (“baptism of desire”) that could only confuse the faithful. Feeney demanded adherence to a rigid boundary separating the saved from the damned. That his rhetoric impressed Americans, including many American Catholics, as uncivil and intolerant only confirmed him in its importance.

SO, HOW DOES CHANGE IN CATHOLIC DOCTRINE TAKE PLACE? Like this:

One of the Jews who had occasion to hear Feeney preach on Boston Common was a haberdasher by the name of Dick Pearlstein. His store, named for his father Louis (as it still is), was only a few blocks from Feeney's soapbox. Pearlstein and his brother could not help but hear Feeney's diatribes as they took their lunchtime strolls. Dick Pearlstein was married to an MTA token taker named Dolly, whose brother Richard, as it happened, was the Archbishop of Boston.

Richard Cushing, son of a blacksmith, was raised on the rough edge of South Boston. Like many of his kind, he crossed the threshold to a wider world at Boston College, from which he graduated in 1917. Cushing was an unpretentious man, famous for donning odd hats at public events, his way of putting people at ease. In Catholic Boston, his position as archbishop made him one of the most powerful people in the city, although within ecclesiastical circles his unpolished style (and his rivalry with New York's Cardinal Francis Spellman) kept him on the margins. Cushing's simplicity was embodied in his custom of almost always taking Sunday dinner at his sister Dolly's house. There, the archbishop and Dick Pearlstein became intimate friends.

When Cushing heard from Dick of Feeney's anti-Jewish diatribes, he took them as an insult to his own family. He ordered Feeney to stop preaching his message of damnation for non-Catholics. Feeney refused, citing Church tradition. In support of the archbishop, the Jesuits transferred Feeney 40 miles away to Holy Cross College, in Worcester, but Feeney disobeyed and remained at St. Benedict's. Cushing forced the issue in 1953, excommunicating Feeney. “Outside the Church there is no salvation” was not to be preached in Boston.

Despite an unbroken contrary insistence running from Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century to Pius IX in the 19th, the Vatican upheld Cushing's excommunication of Feeney (although it dodged the doctrinal issue and cited the priest “for grave disobedience toward Church authority”). I was 10 years old at the time, living in Alexandria, Virginia, and the Feeney dispute, widely noted in Catholic America, was my introduction to theology. For a time, the nuns and priests of St. Mary's parish spoke of nothing else. Finally, I said to my mother, “‘No salvation outside the Church’—I thought that's what we believed.”

“It was,” she said.

“What do we believe now?”

“Live and let live,” she answered, with complete simplicity. My mother was an Americanist.

So, in fact, was Cushing. Reversing the usual order, he had moved from an ethical insight to a theological conclusion. His starting point had been not revelation but his own experience (“I love Dick Pearlstein, therefore God must love him, too”). He came to his position because of the interreligious elbow-rubbing that is endemic to America.

There are echoes in this story of Galileo, and of the Church's conflict with what would eventually be known as the Enlightenment. Galileo, too, prized experience over ideology, observation over theory. If the earth moves, he asserted, then the Psalms, which say it does not move, cannot be read as literally true.

The Enlightenment question—how do I know that I exist—found an Enlightenment answer: not because God tells me but because I experience myself asking the question (“I think, therefore I am”). This primacy of the self as the center of experience and knowledge emerged, soon enough, as the ground of democracy, a poli-



ty that recognizes each self as ultimate ("all men are created equal").

Pluralism—the jostling together of like and unlike—is the essence of the American system. When persons of differing values and convictions enter into social intimacy, whether through the neighborhood, the workplace, or—as in Cushing's case—mixed marriage, their absolute assumptions come to exist in a different light. One person's truth claim will yet permit another's. This dynamic is essential to America, and it is why fundamentalist ideologues, such as Osama bin Laden, hate us.

A pivotal Catholic who grasped this American phenomenon and its meaning for the Church (and on whom Cushing depended for advice) was the Jesuit theologian, writer, and academic John Courtney Murray. Indeed, the progression of Murray's own life tracked closely the Church's changing understanding of church-state relations and religious pluralism. Before World War II, Murray had argued for "no salvation outside the Church." But the trauma of the war, together with its revolutionary social consequences (including a new spirit of interreligious cooperation modeled on the collaboration of military chaplains, and the G.I. Bill of Rights that brought U.S. Catholics more fully into the national mainstream) altered him. He grasped that America's constitutional democracy was not the selfish solipsism or condition of radical subjectivity that the Vatican warned of but rather a form of regulated mutuality that enabled the whole community to thrive.

The individual's primacy, in his view, could be defined in terms of conscience. In a polity that exists to protect freedom of conscience, state power must be removed from the sponsorship or advocacy of any particular religion. Authentic religion, in Murray's opinion, *required* separation of church and state. Implying that Catholicism could take instruction from Thomas Jefferson, Murray titled his most famous work *We Hold These Truths* (1960).

Around the time that Fr. Feeney was being excommunicated by Archbishop Cushing, Fr. Murray was being silenced by the Vatican. Unlike Feeney (whose disobedience qualified him, despite

Second Vatican Council, and each reflected his Americanist spirit. The first was a plea early on for translations of the proceedings, which were being conducted in Latin, a motion that the conservative organizers defeated. The second was a statement in support of the Council's declaration on the Jews, *Nostra Aetate*. Thinking no doubt of his brother-in-law, Cushing said, "The Jews are the blood brothers of Christ." And the third was a defense of religious liberty during debate on the declaration *Dignitatis Humanae* ("On the Dignity of the Human Person"). "The Catholic Church," Cushing said, "should become the champion of liberty, of human liberty, and of civil liberty, especially in the matter of religion."

For Cushing, a confrontation that began with Leonard Feeney on Boston Common was brought to a kind of completion at Vatican II, with the affirmation at last, in *Dignitatis Humanae* (1965), of religious freedom as a right possessed by all. But perhaps the most dramatic shift in Catholic meaning at the Council was an unofficial one—a move away from the ancient and overriding emphasis on salvation and damnation. As quickly as Latin disappeared from the liturgy, the dread of hell disappeared from the center of Catholic preoccupation. In the spirit of John XXIII and in a return to the spirit of the gospels, the Council implicitly replaced a damning God with a loving one.

Nothing symbolizes the reversals that occurred at the Council more powerfully than the fact that the silenced John Courtney Murray was brought to Rome to serve as principal author of *Dignitatis Humanae*. The primacy of conscience, the necessity of religious pluralism, the dignity of the human person, the obligation of government to protect these values, and the corollary of separation of church and state—all of these propositions were solemnly accepted by the fathers of the Council.

The long journey away from *Testem Benevolentiae*, however, was not quite completed. What the Council fathers did not fully comprehend was that it is impossible to affirm basic principles of religious freedom for persons generally without those principles

also applying to Catholics particularly. It was one thing for Church authority to honor the foundational ideas of democracy *outside* the Church; it remained another for the hierarchy to see how those ideas could apply *inside* the Church.

Even so, Catholic attitudes toward authority have changed, inevitably. While acknowledging their obligation to take authoritative teaching seriously, Catholics have admitted the idea

that each individual has the right and duty to arrive at moral choices on his or her own terms. This shift is apparent in the way that Catholics have responded to Rome's reiteration of its condemnation of birth control, in *Humanae Vitae* (1968).

THE DEMOCRATIC IDEAL THAT TOOK ROOT AND THEN flourished in America has, across recent decades, been implanted in cultures and countries that once defined themselves against it. This is true in a special way in the Roman Catholic Church, where loyal Catholics find their faith reinforced, not undercut, by

Cushing's starting point was not revelation but experience ("I love Dick Pearlstein, therefore God must love him, too"). He came to his position because of the elbow-rubbing endemic to America.

himself, as a crypto-Americanist), Murray obeyed. The cloud of disapproval over both Feeney and Murray, who represented opposite impulses, shows that the Church was in a powerful argument with itself. The argument was brought to climactic resolution at the Second Vatican Council (1962–65), when at long last the Catholic Church began to make its peace with the democratic idea.

CARDINAL CUSHING (BOSTON'S ARCHBISHOP HAD BEEN named to the College of Cardinals by his soul brother John XXIII in 1958) made three notable "interventions," or major speeches, at the

American democratic principles. For example, we know from our sacred texts that “no one has ever seen God” (1 John 4:12). This holy ignorance is fully honored in the ethos of religious pluralism. Recognition of the universal impossibility of direct knowledge of God leads to modesty about one’s own doctrinal claims, and to respect for the religious impulses of others—the same modesty and respect that are the ground of democracy.

Catholics in America have learned to see their beliefs in a broader context. Inexorably too, the Catholic Church has gone from defining itself, with Leo XIII, as a “perfect society” to defining itself, with the Second Vatican Council (in its 1964 dogmatic constitution *Lumen Gentium*), as a “pilgrim people.”

The revision has been most dramatic in the Church’s rediscovery of the Jesus of the gospels. It would be anachronistic, certainly, to find anything like a democratic polity in the life and preaching of Jesus. But the relevance of the example of Jesus for the ongoing—and democratic—renewal of the Church is impossible to dismiss.

Jesus was never coercive, he never compelled. He chose service over lordship. He affirmed the dignity of every person he met. He treated women as equals. He saw the indwelling Spirit in each individual. And he proposed respectful mutuality as the reliable sign of God’s presence in the world.

The Catholic Church, I believe, is on the way to more fully embodying all of what it sees in Jesus.

“No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God abides in us, and God’s love is perfect in us.” ■

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## LIGHTNING ROD

by William Bole

Leaning neither left nor right, historian Tony Judt disturbs the peace

ALTHOUGH HE SPEAKS SOFTLY IN HIS BRITISH ACCENT and responds with courtesy to tart questions, it’s not hard to see how Tony Judt, the distinguished historian of European intellectual life, can arouse strong feelings. “We are a remarkably conformist community,” Judt told an audience in McGuinn Hall on February 6, referring to university intellectuals and especially to those who, like him, came of age during the 1960s. Many academics may style themselves as nonconformist or even “countercultural,” he said, but “it’s very easy to be countercultural when everyone is countercultural around you.”

Judt is the Erich Maria Remarque Professor of European Studies at New York University and author of the critically lauded *Postwar: A History of Europe Since 1945* (2005). In his talk, part of Boston College’s Lowell Humanities lecture series, he expressed the wish that left-leaning academics would take their cues from the French intellectual Julien Benda, whose defense of timeless truths and universal values, entitled *The Treason of the Intellectuals*, was published in 1927. The stance would seem to place Judt among conservative campus watchdogs, but he is not one of their number. And his critique of the professorial in-crowd is, in any case, not the reason his name has appeared recently in the news columns of the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*.

A onetime Zionist youth leader in Israel, Judt is among a distinct

handful of Jewish writers and intellectuals now publicly accused by other Jews of abetting anti-Semitism through outspoken criticism of the Jewish state. In a January 31 article in the *Times*, Judt was quoted as saying that he has been targeted because of his criticism of Israel’s policies toward the Palestinians. Two articles by him are frequently cited by his accusers—a *Times* op-ed in which he took issue with America’s “unconditional support” for Israel, and a piece in the *New York Review of Books* in which he made the case for a nonsectarian state of Israel.

A few detractors from the Boston area turned out for the Lowell lecture in McGuinn; one of them, a man with an East European accent who declined to identify himself or answer a reporter’s questions, kept a video camera on his lap fixed on Judt throughout the evening. Still, the volleys from the seats in McGuinn 121 were pleasant compared to what regularly turns up in Judt’s e-mail inbox: He spoke in an interview of messages branding him a “self-hating Jew” and of threats to his family’s safety.

Perhaps with a bow toward current interest, Judt asked Lowell lecture organizers to change the title of his long-scheduled talk from “In Defense of Decadent Europe: Reflections on the Decline of the American Way of Life,” as originally billed, to “Disturbing the Peace: Universities and Intellectuals in an Illiberal Age.” Judt’s lecture was, nonetheless, about intellectual culture, not so much



about international politics, much less about himself. And yet the political and personal stakes didn't need to be spelled out when he insisted more than once that intellectuals have solemn duties to speak "uncomfortable truths," to say "unfashionable things, untimely things."

As Judt expressed it, the trouble with intellectuals, particularly those sheltered by universities, is not exactly that they don't have the courage of their convictions. It's that they don't often have bedrock convictions. In Judt's words, university intellectuals suffer from a paralyzing case of "moral cowardice," shielded by methodologies that support the notion that one idea or interpretation is as good as another. Another name for this, in Judt's nomenclature, is "academic relativism."

Universities now have, according to Judt, "identity intellectuals" who ask merely whether a proposition is good for "my cause," not whether it is inherently true. These intellectuals, he said, have reproduced academically the cafeteria tables infamously dividing students (voluntarily) by race, by developing such delineations as African-American studies, Jewish studies, and women's studies. (Each is offered as an interdisciplinary minor at Boston College, alongside Irish studies, Middle Eastern and Islamic studies, and the like.) Thus, argued Judt, "We are encouraging people to come to university and study themselves," reinforcing the "catastrophic American propensity" to know only about us.

On this score, Judt met with a polite objection during the Q&A period, in the person of Jeremy Kaplan '07, who wore a Hebrew-lettered Red Sox cap and identified himself as a Jew who minors in African and African diaspora studies. Kaplan spoke up for African-American classmates in the African studies program, saying that these students "don't see themselves reflected in the core education of universities," and that through such programs they finally "can see history that reflects themselves."

"So much the better," Judt replied, if you can't see yourself in the textbooks; "it means you're learning something new." But then Judt's comments curved back to the 1960s, when he and other European student radicals agitated against conventional histories that failed to reflect the experiences of the working class (the era's favored identity group). Speaking for the first and only time that evening as an academic authority figure, he told the young man with shoulder-length hair and ethnically distinctive baseball cap that "we" (the universities) need to uphold the canons of classical learning, but "your job" is to get the universities to constantly update their ideas of what's worth studying.

"We are the children of our circumstances," he acknowledged in another context, alluding to personal situations that inevitably shade perceptions of truth. Nevertheless, Judt argued, today's threats and challenges are "palpably obvious," extending to the growing possibility that a demagogue with "fascistic skills" would be able to win over the American populace. "We live in potentially undemocratic times," he warned, in response to a question by Rabbi Ruth Langer of the University's theology department; Langer had suggested that Judt was casting politics in black and white.

The closest questioning came from the neighbor of the man with the video camera. He purported to know what "resonates in [Judt's] soul." Continuing in an incongruously agreeable tone, the man said, "Israel is an embarrassment to you." ("I'm not embar-

rassed by Israel. I'm angered by Israel," answered Judt, a child of Holocaust survivors, who grew up in London attending Hebrew schools.) Later, as he strode out the door, the questioner identified himself as Hillel Stavis, and when asked by a reporter if he represented any particular group, he just smiled and said, "the Jews." Stavis is a local pro-Israel activist who owns the Curious George Shop in Harvard Square, which sells children's books and items inspired by the stories of Hans and Margret Rey—German Jews who fled Paris in 1940 carrying the original manuscript of their classic tale about the inquisitive monkey.

Not all of the 75 or so people present at the lecture on that frigid night saw Judt's truths as "palpably obvious," but many seemed drawn to his intellectual spirit. Judt had been generous with his time—the 45-minute lecture had been followed by an hour of Q&A, after which a dozen or so attendees lingered around the podium continuing the conversation with him well after the time the lights usually go off. A cluster of undergraduates including Kaplan came away testifying to Judt's civility, no faint praise in a time when apparently even academics must look over their shoulders after speaking the truth as they are given to see it. ■

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## **Picasso's The Old Guitarist**

*By Sean Keck '07*

His right hand hangs forever above the strings  
like the hand of Michelangelo's Adam.  
The other grasps the guitar neck like a flare.

His crossed legs weight the bottom  
of the canvas. His ragged pants drop  
feet like funerary monuments, immovable.

He is a guitar: his legs the base,  
his arms the narrower oval.  
His neck—broken—bends over his chest.

The finger-touch of God is past, or never was,  
and yet this sound hole persists, only masked

by the instrument cradled in his lap,  
which holds him from collapse.

*With this poem, Sean Keck '07 represented Boston College at the annual Intercollegiate Poetry Festival, held at the Yawkey Center on April 18. Keck is an English major with a concentration in creative writing and a minor in art history.*

# A READER'S NOTES

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### WAR STORIES

#### *Bury Us Upside Down:*

*The Misty Pilots and the Secret Battle  
for the Ho Chi Minh Trail*

by Rick Newman '88 and Don Shepperd  
(Ballantine Books, 2006)

#### *The Search for Canasta 404:*

*Love, Loss, and the POW/MIA Movement*

by Melissa B. Robinson '84 and  
Maureen Dunn (University Press of  
New England, 2006)

*The Afterlife of America's War  
in Vietnam: Changing Visions in Politics  
and on Screen*

by Gordon Arnold, Ph.D. '94  
(McFarland and Company, 2006)

In his foreword to *Bury Us Upside Down*, U.S. Senator and former POW John McCain urges readers to “heed the lessons” contained within. Actually, Newman, a Boston College graduate and *U.S. News & World Report* writer, and Shepperd, a retired two-star general and CNN military analyst, serve up few lessons. Rather, they tell the story of one fleet of Air Force flyers, and especially of Lt. Howard Williams, who was shot down in 1968, leaving behind, in Steubenville, Ohio, a wife and six-year-old son. A self-taught artist who played trumpet well enough to score paying gigs at nightclubs in Steubenville, Williams volunteered for the mission dubbed “Misty” (after the Johnny Mathis song that was the commander’s favorite), a secret and nearly suicidal

operation that involved flying so low above the Ho Chi Minh Trail, a pilot could be brought down by pistol fire. Carrying no bombs or missiles, their objective was to mark out enemy supply lines and then call for fighter planes to stem the flow to the south. “Every day was an asymmetric duel between men in the air [the Misty pilots] and men on the ground [the Vietcong]. They had different guns and different advantages, yet the fight was as personal as if they were facing each other with bayonets,” Newman writes together with Shepperd, who flew 58 missions with the squadron. Of the 157 pilots who served with the all-volunteer unit from 1967 to 1970, 34 were shot down. *Bury Us Upside Down* (the title comes from an old fighter pilot ditty) is a thrilling read, and the story stretches to portray the “peculiar torment” of loved ones like those of Howard Williams, who was finally buried in an almost empty casket in 1992, his sparse remains having been recovered the previous year. The “best and the brightest,” as the late newsman David Halberstam described the White House’s engineers of the war, are not much evident in Newman and Shepperd’s account. But one Vietnam-era senior advisor, Robert S. McNamara, makes an iconic appearance at the end of *The Search for Canasta 404*, by Melissa B. Robinson, a Boston College graduate and Associated Press reporter, and Maureen Dunn, a Boston native and wife of Navy Lt. Joe Dunn, last seen on Valentine’s Day 1968, falling from his propeller plane into the China Sea, in an open and filled parachute. Twenty-seven years later during a talk at Harvard, former Defense Secretary McNamara is confronted by Maureen, who holds up a once-classified document about an Oval Office meeting between President Lyndon Johnson and his top advisors, including McNamara, on that February 14, 1968. Plane number 404 in the Canasta squadron—Joe Dunn’s

plane—had just been shot down by the Chinese after straying into their airspace, and the inner circle was nervous: Ever the wonk, McNamara calculated that an effort to rescue Dunn carried a 60 percent chance of armed conflict with China. He advised against a rescue attempt in Chinese territory, even if Dunn were to be located (he wasn’t), and his position prevailed. Fast-forward to April 1995, as Maureen steps up to the microphone at Harvard and tells the man, “I just want you to say, ‘I am sorry.’” McNamara equivocates, before saying he is more than sorry; he’s “absolutely horrified,” though by what, it’s unclear. *The Search for Canasta 404* (the title is a misfire, since there was barely a search) is partly about betrayal by people in power. More than that, it is a beautiful, sad, and rejuvenating story about Maureen, Joe, and the national POW/MIA movement—which Maureen, then a young mother working as a hairdresser and taking political science courses at BC, helped kindle almost three decades ago. The book has the makings of a motion picture, which, if made, would take it into the purview of Gordon Arnold’s *The Afterlife of America's War in Vietnam*. Arnold is a professor of social sciences at Montserrat College of Art in Beverly, Massachusetts, and in this study of media images he looks at dueling messages about the “lessons of Vietnam.” In the “contest of meaning,” says Arnold, the upper hand still belongs to John J. Rambo, Hollywood’s Vietnam veteran/action hero portrayed by Sylvester Stallone in a trio of films beginning with *First Blood* (1982). Rambo’s rage against the perceived abandonment (figurative and literal) of America’s combat troops in Vietnam resurfaced in 2004 with the so-called Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, who helped keep U.S. Senator John Kerry, a decorated Vietnam veteran turned antiwar protestor in the 1970s, out of the White House.





#### A CHILD LOST

*Every Visible Thing*  
by Lisa Carey '92  
(Morrow, 2006)

At the start of her fourth novel, Lisa Carey portrays the Fureys as they were in 1975, an ordinary family with a mom who enjoys the laughter of her three small children and a dad who rings the doorbell when he arrives home from work because he thinks it's funny to pretend he's a visitor. The next chapter picks up their story 10 years later, in the narrative voice of daughter Lena, now a high school sophomore who begins by saying, "The first time I tried killing myself, nobody noticed." In the intervening years, the Fureys of Brookline, Massachusetts, have imploded as a family after the loss of the eldest son Hugh, an amateur photographer who went missing when he was 15 and never turned up. Having spent three years in bed, mom is absorbed in her new life as a medical student; dad, who had been writing a book about angels tentatively titled "Every Visible Thing," is absorbed in himself after losing his job as a theology professor at Boston College, along with his faith. Lena takes on a dangerous double life masquerading as a punk boy (this is 1985), hanging out with drug dealers in Harvard Square and searching for the truth about Hugh's last days, seen hauntingly through Hugh's own eyes in an old roll of film she discovers at home and develops in photography class; meanwhile, 11-year-old Owen explores his sexuality and faces life-threatening homophobia in the fifth grade. The Fureys are a train wreck, as are nearly all characters in this tale of devastating grief. I usually put down novels at a point where families begin to resemble freak shows, but Carey has a way with children's voices; her young characters are compelling (more so than the adults) and worthy of our con-

cern. Her graceful prose and magical turns add light to the bleakness, encouraging readers to hang in there until the end, when there is hope, there is love, and there are angels waiting in the wings.



#### THE ANCESTORS

*Arthur and Rose:  
The Caponi/Mosca Union, October 21, 1915  
... In Search of My Italian Roots*  
Ernest S. Caponi '58  
(AuthorHouse, 2006)

In this self-published book, Caponi goes in search of his roots in two regions of central Italy, Marche and Abruzzo (formerly Abruzzi), and he does not let genealogical research stand in the way of fun or appetite. He devotes one chapter ostensibly to finding out if he's related to Blessed Nunzio Sulprizio, an orphaned blacksmith's helper who was beatified in 1963, but he quickly digresses and tells of his pilgrimage to Brandi, a pizza parlor in Naples that can trace its roots to 1780. When he asks for a Pizza Margherita (named for and sanctioned by Italy's first queen) with anchovies, the waiter tells him, "You want Pizza Romana." Then, Caponi looks up,

sees a tall man walking by, and says, "Hi, Brian." Thus begins a chance encounter with an acquaintance from near Leominster, Massachusetts, where Caponi and his wife, Annette, have lived for 40 years. Caponi closes the chapter by saying, "We are still trying to establish whether or not we are related to Blessed Nunzio." For Caponi, who calls this book "my fifth career" (having worked in engineering, higher education, environmental services, and manufacturing management), it was hardly all play and no work. He amassed a skein of birth, death, marriage, and immigration documents from sources including the National Archives and Records Administration and its little-known regional outpost in Waltham, Massachusetts. Documents comprise most of these 390 pages, together with items like letters between the author and his cousin Mario in Rome, written in Italian, which Caponi taught himself for the purposes of genealogical discovery. He allows that his special audience is his six grandchildren and the ones yet to come. I felt privileged to be a reader, not just because my paternal grandfather came from Abruzzo's rugged hills, but also because I could see a profound and personal gift passing from one generation to another.

William Bole

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#### Parallax

*From Every Visible Thing*  
by Lisa Carey '92

I've printed a dozen of Hugh's photos, all taken in the Quad, of punk kids loitering on the stairs. I don't recognize any of these kids, but I can picture Hugh there, the center of a cluster of dyed hair and heavy boots, the sort of boy who gives out nods rather than one who feels relieved by them. My brother was always popular. I once asked him, when I was in the fifth grade and my class was dividing into cool and uncool as cleanly as a cell under a microscope, how to be popular. He had shrugged and told me to be myself. I didn't tell him that I thought it was myself that was the problem.

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## Belief systems

by David Reich

Two senators on politics  
and faith

ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 23, temperatures hovered in the balmy middle 70s. While rites of spring took place all over campus—students lounging on benches and at outdoor tables or chatting in small groups perched on walls and the edges of planters—some 3,500 audience members and two Catholic U.S. senators from opposite ends of the political spectrum gathered in Conte Forum for what turned out to be a surprisingly calm and thoughtful discussion of religious faith and public policy.

The crowd in Conte had the large complement of gray (and bald) heads that one has come to expect at Church in the 21st Century events over the past five years, but close to half the audience seemed to be Boston College students. Pat Healey '07, president of the College Democrats, said his group worked to turn students out for the program, announcing it in three e-mails

with a distribution of 1,300 undergraduates. The College Republicans also sent out mass e-mails, according to their president, Amanda Short '07.

Awaiting the start of the event, many audience members sat with faces buried in their program booklets, studying thumbnail biographies of the featured speakers, Sam Brownback (R-Kan.) and Chris Dodd (D-Conn.), both of whom are candidates for president in 2008. A quick informal survey suggested that NBC's Tim Russert, who would serve as the evening's moderator, was more familiar to the audience than either senator.

A few minutes after seven o'clock, the senators bounded onto the stage, followed by Russert, the parent of a Boston College student, who received and acknowledged a standing ovation. Stripping off their dark suit coats, the three sat at a table and soon got down to the evening's topic.





U.S. Senators Chris Dodd (left) and Sam Brownback (right), with moderator Tim Russert

Question one from Russert: How has faith influenced your public service?

Dodd, first to answer, said Catholic social justice teaching underlay his decision to join the Peace Corps as a young graduate of Providence College. As a senator, he said, it draws him to issues where he can help the disadvantaged. Nevertheless, he stressed, faith "informs my decisions, it doesn't define my decisions." Faith, he suggested, resides on the plane of ideals, while politicians must operate in a practical world where compromise is needed to be effective.

A former evangelical Protestant who converted to Catholicism four years ago, Brownback answered the question more abstractly, saying, "I've tried to segregate my faith out from the policy work and the politics, and I ended up getting . . . my faith wrong, and I find I didn't look at my politics or policy quite right," either. Asked

whether it was fair to say that Republicans favor the Ten Commandments over the Sermon on the Mount, Brownback admitted, "There's some fairness to that." He said, to some applause, that he'd like the GOP to become "pro-life and whole life. . . . All life is sacred. That doesn't stop at the womb. It extends to the child in Darfur, to the young man in the Congo, it extends to the man in prison."

Russert moved on to specific issues, first among them the war in Iraq. Was it a just war?

"You make the call on what information and facts you have at the time," Brownback replied, and it's not fair to the troops to "second-guess it" four years later. Yet he lodged no noticeable hope in the Bush administration's Iraq policy. "The only solution at this point is a three-state, one-country solution," he said. "We're not going to solve the Sunni-Shia fight. The

best we can do is try to provide some way for them to separate themselves."

Is it a just war? Russert persisted.

"No, and I'm one who voted [to authorize it]," Dodd replied. "But we've learned in retrospect that a lot of the issues were fabricated. . . . If Iraq were growing turnips and not oil, we wouldn't be there."

So why did he vote for it?

"I wish I had a better answer," said Dodd, who noted that he "supported the Feingold-Reid proposal" aimed at securing an early withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq. He called for a "surge in diplomacy" by the Bush Administration, saying that both parties in Congress have the will to work together toward a new, more effective Iraq policy, and that the obstacle now is executive branch intransigence. At this point Brownback drew more applause and probably raised a few eyebrows by saying that not only did he agree with Dodd

on this, but he'd told the White House so.

The senators agreed less on social issues, including stem cell research and gay marriage, areas where Brownback tended to argue from first principles. Asked about federal funding for stem cell research, the Kansan responded, it's a "question of what is the youngest of human beings. Is the embryo a person, or is it property?"—implying a link to slavery. "Whenever we've treated another . . . human as property, we've always regretted it."

For Dodd, who has voted to fund stem cell research, the choice was a "narrow call." The issue, he said, was whether to discard unused embryos from fertility clinics or use them to help cure diabetes, Parkinson's, and other serious diseases.

Asked to respond to Dodd's point, Brownback said, "I'd love to see a lot more adoption of the frozen embryos."

Dodd called this suggestion an example of "what's been missing in this country. We always hear about the notion of how divided we are as a people. . . . If we're going to spend our time in the 21st century driving these wedges deeper and deeper, into our society, I fear for our country. . . . I just heard my friend Sam talk about adoption. I couldn't agree more." Dodd expressed hope that scientific research could render moot the stem cell debate by finding effective alternatives to embryonic stem cells.

Next up was gay marriage. "Church teaching separates the status of the individual from the act itself," Brownback said. The "individual is entitled to dignity; the act itself is wrong. . . . I don't think we as a society should honor that with the status of marriage or the status of civil unions."

Dodd responded that on his latest visit to New Hampshire, few voters even mentioned gay marriage, while many had questions on Iraq and health care. The father of young daughters, he wondered how they would be treated if they grew up to be lesbians. While supporting civil unions, Dodd stopped short of calling for same-sex marriage, saying he wasn't comfortable using the M-word for gay and lesbian couples.

After the discussion, audience members waited near the stage for a word with a senator or an autograph. Several said they found the discussion insightful, especially compared to much of what passes

for political discourse nowadays. Jason Lee of Newton, an oncologist, praised both senators for giving "in-depth responses" to Russert's questions "instead of quick talking points and shouted slogans." In a similar vein, James Hayes '71, JD'75, a program director with a Boston elder services agency, praised Dodd's efforts at "finding a mutually acceptable position instead of trying to divide us."

Laura Ahern '09, an English major,

called the evening "worthwhile," though she disagreed with some of Brownback's pronouncements on social issues. "I don't think he, or anyone, has the right to say what is moral or immoral," she said.

Fifteen minutes after the program ended, the senators were still in Conte, pressing the flesh. ■

The complete event may be viewed at [www.bc.edu/frontrow](http://www.bc.edu/frontrow).

## Book bag

In the past year and a half, Boston College's Church in the 21st Century Center has published five books—the beginnings of a series—drawn from the conferences and symposia the center has held on campus. Assembled from papers delivered primarily by academics, the publications "are not abstract scholarly works for a technical audience," says Tim Muldoon, the center's director, but "are written to inform an ordinary community of Catholic faithful." Topics range from Church managerial issues to sexuality, and the series is overseen by James F. Keenan, SJ, professor of theology at Boston College, and Patricia DeLeeuw, the University's vice provost for faculties.

Plans are under way to expand the scope of the series in the next two years, reaching beyond campus events to publish research (including a study of the national lay organization Voice of the Faithful, by Catholic University sociologists William D'Antonio and Rev. Anthony Pogorelec) and collections of essays by prominent Catholics (e.g., a forthcoming volume on women and the Church).

The series to date:

- *Church Ethics and Organizational Context* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2005), Jean M. Bartunek, RSCJ, Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM, and James F. Keenan, SJ, editors. Topics include Catholic leadership in the wake of the clergy sex abuse scandal, proposals for an ecclesial professional code of ethics, and the theological and canonical hurdles that stand in the way.
- *Handing on the Faith: The Church's Mission and Challenge* (Crossroad, 2006), Fr. Robert P. Imbelli, editor. Contributors discuss the state of religious education and the best means for conveying the faith to future generations, including catechesis and community-based faith formation.
- *Priests for the 21st Century* (Crossroad, 2006), Donald Dietrich, editor. Beginning with "Priesthood: Forty Years After Vatican II," papers such as "Addressing the Priest 'Shortage'" and "Is the 'Burnout' Real?" present the facts and challenges of a dwindling priesthood.
- *Inculturation and the Church in North America* (Crossroad, 2006), T. Frank Kennedy, SJ, editor. Essays on topics ranging from Catholics and politics to the impact of women theologians to U.S. Hispanic Marian devotion examine Catholic identity and the perceptions of non-Catholics.
- *Sexuality and the U.S. Catholic Church* (Crossroad, 2006), Lisa Sowle Cahill, T. Frank Kennedy, SJ, and John Garvey, editors. Perspectives on homosexuality, marriage, celibacy, and childbearing are framed by essays on the Church sex abuse scandal.

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Cara Feinberg





A Catholic priest offers Mass in N'djamena, Chad.

# Southern Cross

by Philip Jenkins

As 21st-century Christianity shifts southward, will faith, and the world's churches, change?

THE YEAR 1640 MARKED A LOW period in Western civilization. Protestants were killing Catholics, Catholics were killing Protestants, and Christians were killing Jews. Vincent de Paul, the French saint who devoted his life to the poor, made a prophecy. Jesus said his Church would last until the end of time, de Paul declared, but he'd never mentioned Europe. The Church

of the future, said de Paul, will be the Church of Africa, of South America, of China and Japan. If we take Japan off his list, that was a pretty good prophecy (though some people do say that the greatest Christian writer of the 20th century was the Japanese Catholic novelist Shusaku Endo). Christianity's center of gravity is moving decisively south.

Currently there are some 2.1 billion Christians in the world. The largest single contingent is still found in Europe, with roughly 530 million. Latin America is not far behind, with around 510 million. Africa is in third place, with nearly 390 million. But roll the film forward even a few years, and we will find indications of an ever-growing proportion of the world's Christians living in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. By 2025, Africa and Latin America will be jostling for the claim of continent with the most Christians. By 2050, without a doubt, Christianity will be foremost a religion of Africa and the African diaspora. With Christian Asia and Latin America also continuing to grow disproportionately, non-Hispanic whites will represent by then maybe one-sixth or one-fifth of the world's Christians.

In what countries will the largest



Christian populations be found 50 years from now? At the head of the list will still be the United States, followed in no particular order by Mexico, Brazil, Nigeria, the Congo, Ethiopia, the Philippines, and China. Notice who's not on that list: Britain, France, Spain, Italy. Taking into account only Roman Catholics for a moment, last year saw more Catholic baptisms in the Philippines than in France, Spain, Italy, and Poland combined. At present, three countries—Mexico, the Philippines, and Brazil—account for almost 30 percent of the world's Catholics. By 2050, Africa and Latin America alone will contain some two-thirds of all Catholics.

What does this mean in practical terms? A lot. In the global south—in Africa, Asia, and to some extent Latin America—Christians see the world, and the word of God, in a different way. Though generalizations are never thoroughly true, it is fair to say that southern hemisphere Christians tend to have what we in North America and Europe might regard as a literalistic, traditional, very orthodox approach to belief, especially with respect to Scripture. This is true across the denominations, from Seventh Day Adventists to Lutherans to Catholics.

CAN YOU IMAGINE SUCH A THING, reading the Bible as fiction?—so asks the African feminist theologian Musimbi Kanyoro. The error occurs most pervasively, she observes, among people living in “those cultures which are far removed from biblical culture.”

In Africa, the biggest challenge for Christian proselytizers is not convincing people that the Old Testament is relevant, but convincing them that it is in some way less important than the New. With its nomadism, polygamy, and blood sacrifice, the Old Testament describes a social, economic, and cultural world that resonates with a great many Africans. To be sure, most Africans do not live in such societies now, but they don't have to range imaginatively far beyond their immediate circumstance to recognize them and to appreciate the plight of, say, a community of believers surrounded by pagans. As the South African feminist theologian Madipoane Masenya has said, Africans who find it “difficult to be at home” with the Old

Testament should examine themselves to see if they might not have “lost their Africanness.”

Christianity is a religion of the poor, and the average Christian in the world today is a very poor person. Consider for a moment how the Bible might be read with hungry eyes. In the revolutionary tract the Magnificat, Mary's song of praise in Luke 1 (46–55), for instance, God fills “the hungry with good things” and sends “the rich away empty.” Early Christians envisioned

cal sense is murky. Why does someone sow in tears? And my friends said, “It's obvious. There is a famine. You have seed corn. You can feed your family now and have nothing to eat next year and cease to be a farmer and be reduced to beggary. Or you can take the corn from your crying children and sow it, so next year there will be something to eat.”

Martin Luther disliked at least three books of the Bible that he thought were not authentic and wanted removed from

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the Lord's second coming as a messianic banquet, at which the impossible would happen and everyone would have enough to eat. Indeed, the grace commonly said today by rural Christians in China could as readily have come from the Middle East of Christ's time: “Today's food is not easy to come by. God gives it to us. After we eat it we'll be protected from sickness. God protects us so we can have the next meal.”

One of the most popular books of the Bible in Africa and much of Asia is the Book of Ruth. It is an account of a society all but destroyed by famine, where the men go away to the cities because they are able to, the women remain behind with the children, and the social web is held together, insofar as it can be, through kin obligations. As always in a time of famine and refugees, the brunt falls on women. In the global south, Christianity is a women's movement.

In conversation with a group of Nigerians one day, I asked what parts of the Bible resonated with them that they thought would not resonate with Christians in the United States. They soon proposed Psalm 126, which reads in part, “Those who sow the seed in tears reap with shouts of joy.” In America, the psalm is often recited at funerals, in the context of resurrection, but its meaning in a practi-

cal sense is murky. It turns out to be almost a rule of thumb that what Luther didn't like now goes down well in Africa and Asia. The Epistle to the Hebrews, for instance, is often described by West Africans as “our epistle.” It is about the dilemmas of living in a society that practices blood sacrifice and trying to convince people that Jesus now fulfills that role. Another is Revelation, a somewhat spooky book written for Christians living—so they believed—under the rule of demonic forces who were manipulating the currency and wielding the imagery of power in order to control and deceive. For most southern hemisphere Christians, Revelation reads like a political science textbook with a message of final liberation. Its elements—the altar, the lamb, the throne, sacrifice, atonement—are familiar, and it is one reason that the evangelical forms of Christianity are doing well, particularly in much of Africa.

The third book Luther didn't care for was the Epistle of James, a brief, strange text seemingly lacking in standard Christian doctrine. It includes a verse that is among the most popular sermon texts in West Africa: “Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a town and spend a year there, doing business and making money.’ Yet you do



not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." The passage continues, "Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that.'" Imagine hearing a passage like that in a community where most members of the congregation are in their early twenties, the pastor is a gray-beard elder of 28 or 29, and the average age of death is 36.

WE LIVE TODAY IN WHAT IS PROBABLY the greatest age ever of Christian hymn-writing. But few Europeans and Americans comprehend the languages of the new compositions—created in Zulu, Luganda, Swahili, and so on. One of the most widely adopted of these hymns is "Tukutendereza Yesu" ("We Praise You, Jesus"), which is for East African Christianity what "Amazing Grace" is for American Protestantism. "Tukutendereza" is a hymn entirely about blood, the blood of the lamb, the blood of sacrifice ("Jesus Lamb of God / Your blood cleanses me"). Another hymn, by a Ghanaian woman named Afua Kuma, a composer esteemed on the continent, gives us these words: "If Satan troubles us, Jesus Christ, you who are the lion of the grasslands, you whose claws are sharp will tear out his entrails and leave them on the ground for the flies to eat." If we were to take out of the Bible all the references to demons, exorcisms, healings, and other miracles, we would be left with a pretty thin pamphlet. And for an African or Asian, it is to a large extent these elements—which have become a puzzlement and embarrassment to northern Christians—that provide the main attraction and greatest reason for converting to the faith. As one contemporary hymn from the Transvaal explains it, Jesus Christ, by his resurrection, "overcame magic. He overcame amulets and charms. He overcame the darkness of demon possession. He overcame dread. When we are with him, we also conquer."

Not long ago, I was talking with an American clergyman of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, a youngish white man, conservative and well dressed. He was describing for me his visit to an Adventist church in southern Africa. In America, a church of its size would have held a hundred congregants, he said, but this being

Africa, there were about 800 people trying to get inside. It was located in an area regarded as dangerous for whites, and so people asked him who he was. Word that an American minister was in the hall quickly went up to the platform at the front, and the minister in charge of the service made an announcement: "My friends, I have wonderful news. Pastor 'Smith' has come to visit us all the way from the United States. I'm going to ask him to conduct tonight's exorcism."

Demonology is credible and essential to African (and Asian) churches in a way it is not for their European and American counterparts. In most of the southern hemisphere, religions that won't accommodate to that fact and deal with witchcraft, ancestors, and possession may as well move into a new business. Witness another scene, from a church in central Africa: In the midst of the Sunday service, a woman announces that she has been healed of a spinal complaint. Immediately, other people want to report how they've been healed, and testimonies follow upon testimonies. Everyone is trying to speak. Finally, to stand a chance of finishing the service, the deacon says, "All right, everyone who wants to report being cured of this kind of disease, put your hands up. Twenty-seven, twenty-eight—right, down." And so on through a range of ailments. After rounds of hand-raising, the service proceeds. This incident took place not in a small fringe Pentecostal denomination, but in a Roman Catholic church; the watershed miracle of the spine occurred during the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

HOW WILL THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN northern and southern understandings of Christianity play out? Not necessarily as expected. Northern liberal Christians, for instance, cast a suspicious eye on the south's conflicts with demons, seeing them as a distraction from more pressing injustices in the region's social and political structures. But their concern misses the direction in which those supernatural battles, in a Christian setting, seem to lead—toward a reliance on faith that nurtures self-reliance (witness the women's liberation movement in Africa). What's more, there are in the Bible many passages that to northerners seem almost bland, but

that from a southern perspective are explosive. There is the story of Jesus sitting by a well in discussion with a Samaritan woman, for instance—an action that in some societies even today could bring down censure on the woman. And the many passages in which Jesus sits with people of all kinds—we take these scenes for granted, but imagine reading them in India under the caste system and taking them at their word. Literal readings may yet produce liberal results.

To some extent, however, the differences between Christians of the north and south have begun to play out already and quite sharply in one particular denomination, in a way that may point to future disharmony in others. I'm referring to recent exchanges between the American Episcopal Church, which is a fairly liberal assembly, and the Anglican Communion to which it belongs (whose numerical weight is now centered in Africa). When the Episcopalians consecrated an openly gay bishop in 2003, it was much to the horror of Africa's Anglican bishops, who five years previously had overwhelmingly approved a declaration that homosexual behavior is "incompatible with scripture." The Nigerian Anglican Church compared the U. S. Episcopal Church to "a cancerous lump in the body that should be excised if it has defied every known cure." A schism seems at least possible.

Another incident comes to mind, a contentious meeting in a Bible study session a couple of years ago between an Anglican bishop from Africa and an Episcopal bishop from America. The American was explaining how he read the Bible in a culture-relevant way, how in his understanding, Scripture didn't always mean exactly what it said. The African was reading the Bible for precisely what it said. Tension grew until finally the African could stand it no more and raised himself up and said, "If you don't believe the Bible, why did you bring it to us in the first place?" ■

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# BOSTON COLLEGE **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** ALUMNI NEWS CLASS NOTES

## Connell School Turns 60

Of the 35 students who comprised the first nursing cohort at Boston College, all were registered nurses and three-quarters were veterans of service in World War II. In the 60 years since those students began their education at the Intown Center on Newbury Street, in downtown Boston, the profile of Boston College nursing students has changed dramatically. Now, only graduate students typically have prior nursing experience before beginning their studies.

Although the student population has changed over the years, Boston College

continues to graduate nurses who are committed to making a difference in their chosen profession. Nearly all of the graduating students who enter the workforce get jobs in nursing, and the Connell School currently boasts some 9,000 alumni engaged in a wide array of nursing roles, from community health to gerontological care.

"We are extremely grateful for all the support our alumnae and alumni have given us, and we are happy to take the opportunity of our 60th anniversary to thank them, to reflect on our past, present our current efforts, and envision the future of this wonderful school of nursing," says Connell School of Nursing Dean Barbara Hazard.

Long distinguished for its curriculum designed to develop a student's diagnostic,

therapeutic, and ethical reasoning in nursing practice, the Connell School has added several new programs in the last five years. A nurse anesthesia program, implemented in 2002, prepares registered nurses for this advanced practice role. Additionally, the Connell School has added a specialty in palliative, long-term care that teaches students how to treat the needs of adults who are living longer with chronic diseases.

In honor of its 60th anniversary, the Connell School held a reception for alumni, current students, and faculty on March 24, 2007. The event featured an interactive multimedia exhibit—a virtual reality simulation of a nursing procedure—to highlight how the Connell School is in step with advanced technological trends in the nursing profession today.

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Connell School of Nursing alumnae from the 1970s, with a typical uniform from that decade, at the 60th anniversary reception on March 24, 2007.



# Anniversary for the Arts

During the last weekend in April 2007, two pillars of the Boston College performing arts community, Robsham Theater and BC bOp!, celebrated milestone anniversaries, their 25th and 20th respectively, in conjunction with the annual Arts Festival on campus.

The organizations' success today points to the steady growth and interest in the performing arts at Boston College over the past two decades. Currently, Robsham Theater hosts 70 performances by performing arts groups each year, and BC bOp! is a nationally renowned jazz ensemble.

However, Robsham Theater Director Howard Enoch remembers a time when the performing arts weren't as prevalent on campus. "When the theater was built, there were a few performing arts groups on campus," says Enoch, who has worked in the arts at BC since before the theater opened 25 years ago. "Today, there are nearly 40 groups."

To explain the growth, Enoch cites a recent statistic reported in the *Boston College Chronicle*: approximately 45 percent of students have enjoyed an art performance during their four years, while approximately 25 percent practice one of the performing arts.

"The growth in interest among students has been phenomenal. I attribute this surge to the diversity of the students and their desire for a rich cultural experience," says Enoch.

Seb Bonaiuto, the director of BC Bands and founder of BC bOp!, agrees. "The progress is spectacular," says Bonaiuto. "It's a testament to the university's rich and vibrant artistic environment. It's also a credit to the students who have committed so much time and energy," he adds. BC bOp!—comprising 24 members, only one of whom is a music major—consistently places among the top 10 college instrumental and vocal ensembles in national competitions.

Yet another indication of the performing arts' growth at Boston College can be found in the alumni award for distinguished achievement, which is conferred annually by the Boston College Arts Council. Three of the past four winners have been performing artists. The 2007 winner is Paul Daigneault '87, artistic director of the SpeakEasy Stage Company in Boston. He received the award at this year's Arts Festival, which also featured a BC bOp! alumni reunion performance in honor of the group's 20th anniversary.

## AWAY GAME TRAVEL

Join fellow alumni in supporting the Boston College Eagles as they travel this fall to take on Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) competitors and longstanding rival Notre Dame. Travel packages including hotel accommodations and tickets to the game and the pre-game party are now available for purchase. For more information, visit [www.bc.edu/friends/alumni/football.html](http://www.bc.edu/friends/alumni/football.html).

September 15, 2007

vs. Georgia Tech in Atlanta, GA

October 13, 2007

vs. Notre Dame in South Bend, IN

October 25, 2007

vs. Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA

November 10, 2007

vs. Maryland in College Park, MD

November 17, 2007

vs. Clemson in Clemson, SC



Kathleen A. Corbet '82, the president of Standard & Poor's and a Boston College trustee, rang the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange on March 5, 2007, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the S&P 500, a world-renowned index of the US equities market. "I have enjoyed many career highlights in the last 25 years, and this one ranks among the top. It was also great fun," says Corbet. She rang the NASDAQ opening bell on March 6.

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## 1935

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We lost a very special member of our class on January 3, **Dom “Dib” DeStefano**. He was always a real pleasure to spend time with. His happy disposition was contagious. The death of his wife, Rita, was a heavy blow, but I am sure he consoled himself with thoughts of a happy eternity. Dib had the best vegetable garden on the South Shore; he was the only one to raise his tomatoes from seed, which he planted indoors in midwinter. He moved the young plants outdoors in May. Needless to say, Dib was popular in his neighborhood.

## 1936

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In January when the Democrats took back control of the House of Representatives, Speaker Nancy Pelosi put Caitlin O'Neill in charge of floor operations. Caitlin is the granddaughter of the former Speaker of the House, our late classmate **Tip O'Neill**. • **Ed Berra**, still living in Arlington and enjoying good health, regularly visits the local library. He spent Christmas with relatives in Rye Beach, NH, and also celebrated

his 92nd birthday in Rye. • **Nicholas J. Albert**, a sophomore from Augusta, ME, has been awarded the **Bishop Lawrence J. Riley** Scholarship for the second year in a row. He is taking a double major in theology and philosophy and is active in a number of BC volunteer programs. As you recall, this fund was started at the time of our 50th reunion by **Frank Hilbrunner**. Any gifts to the University may be made to the Riley Scholarship Fund, if we so wish. • As I write these notes, I have learned of the death of **Steve Hart**. Steve had a career in education. He was superintendent of schools in Avon and went from there to the Massachusetts Department of Education in Boston. Mary and I were able to go to the wake, meet Steve's son and daughter, and express our sympathies and those of the class. Steve had been living with son William in Randolph and had spent winters in Florida with daughter Claire Bradley. Steve and I frequently went to the Newton Marriott for a late breakfast. For the last four or five years, Frank Hilbrunner joined us. I'm sure, when she saw us coming in, the hostess said, “Here come those three old BC guys.” So be it. Who cares—we enjoyed the food and the company. Please remember Steve and his family in your prayers.

## 1937 REUNION: JUNE 1–3

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## 1939

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Greetings once again, thank God! Sad news is unfortunately still with us, but for a change let's start out with some great, upbeat news. • Today's hero, not surprisingly, is our classmate **Frank Brennan**. Recently Frank got near-headline news in the *Boston Globe*, the *Boston Herald*, and

the *BC Chronicle*. Why? In recognition of Frank's many years as a leader in Boston's banking and financial worlds, the Massachusetts Business Development Corporation contributed \$500,000 to establish the Francis P. Brennan Fund in Leadership and Ethics within the Winston Center for Leadership and Ethics at the Carroll School of Management. The celebration of this award took place at a well-attended reception honoring Frank at the Yawkey Center. It also celebrated Frank's 90th birthday. What a present! Congratulations, Frank, from all of us! • Our equally important but sad news concerns the recent deaths of **John Crowley** and **William Donovan**. Both were active classmates. John, a longtime Woburn resident, served his World War II duty with the Navy in the Pacific and then, prior to his retirement, worked for some 40 years with the New England Telephone Co. Bill also served in the Navy, retiring as captain, and then spent about 25 years as a criminal investigator for the US Treasurer's Office before his final career as president and CEO of the Hibernia Savings Bank. Please keep John and Bill in your prayers and don't forget to include their saddened wives, children, and grandchildren. • As a final note, let me remind you that we, the survivors of the Class of 1939, now number about 45 and have been lucky enough to “bless” the world with our presence for fourscore and 10 years, or close to it. Wow! Hopefully, heaven can wait for a few more years. Keep healthy and pray for peace.

## 1940

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The class sadly but proudly announces that two of our mates responsible for Gothic additions to the Heights departed during 2006: **Francis Xavier Ahearn** JD '43, brilliant editor of our *Sub Turri*, and **Richard F. Powers Jr.**, president of the freshman class in 1936 and 1937. Both men promised the class “ever to excel” and, as



followers of St. Ignatius, did so "in remembrance of me." The name Richard Powers, along with that of his wife, Mary, graces the business school atrium (thanks to the generosity of his sons). Frank, as one-time president of the Boston City Council, saw to it that the land opposite St. Ignatius Church was deeded to Boston College. Thus did two Jesuit graduates of their generation extend the influence of the small college that was their alma mater, remaining faithful always to their chosen path in life, but never forgetting their ultimate end. A contingent of uniformed police officers saluted Frank's coffin before and after the Mass to the strains of "For Boston" played by a bagpipe band. Thus did the City of Boston honor our classmate for a life well lived. Incidentally, thereby the name Xavier was once again linked with Ignatius.

## 1941

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Just a note from our president, Nick Sottile, to express his regards to all. He hopes everyone is doing well. He is very cognizant that some of us are not in the best of health, and his prayers are for the progression of our health and strength. • Your correspondent has never inquired about the number of 1941 graduates. I remember our most competent class historian, Ed Burke, giving me a number of 273. Thus today, with a limited amount of survivors, we pray for all departed classmates. • Dan Doyle is in frequent contact from the Cape. He still is most competent in poetry composition and remembers us all in verse. • Len McDermott continues to work in editing his book. • Rev. Mark Delery of the Cistercian Order extends prayers and greetings to all. • George McManama is still working as a physician for BC's athletic teams. • Dave Merrick, our most frequent caller, continues his prowess on the golf course and is a frequent tournament winner. He is a devoted class member and always inquires about fellow classmates. • The class committee met on April 11 to plan our annual class dinner, which will take place on June 12 at Alumni House on the Newton Campus. Please try to attend. If you are unable to, please send a note. • I received a call on March 27 from Bishop Joe Maguire, my Cardinal, wanting to be remembered to all and

offering his prayers for classmates. • Bob Collins has left Massachusetts to return to Fort Myers, FL. • The class extends its condolence to the Manzo family on the death of classmate Joe Manzo in October 2006. Joe was an excellent athlete. He competed in high school and was a star of BC's football bowl team that played in the Cotton and Sugar bowls during our years there. • Finally, as your representative, I want to take time out to wish you all success, happiness, and health. AMDG.

## 1942 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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If I could, I would have had this column outlined in black. Whatever, it is with a very sad heart that I report the deaths of Tom Hinchey and Terry Geoghegan, both on December 30, 2006, and of Fr. Bob Drinan, SJ, MA '45, on January 28.

**I'm sure, when she saw us coming in, the hostess said, "Here come those three old BC guys." So be it. Who cares—we enjoyed the food and the company.**

Each brings very fond memories, both as underclassmen and as graduates. Physical disability prevented me from attending the wake and funeral Mass of any one of them. Nevertheless, each was individually remembered in my prayers at Mass on the following Sunday. Rather than trying to properly eulogize each of them, I can with complete sincerity say that each added dignity and honor to alma mater. They will be sorely missed. All three were remembered at our annual memorial Mass and breakfast in May, to which their families were invited. • For these very sad reasons, we now need a class treasurer. It is not time-consuming, but it is a very necessary, responsible, and important position. The class account does have a plus balance. Please contact me if you are interested or if you would accept the appointment. I repeat, it is not time-consuming.

## 1943

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Sadly, again we must begin with condolences, first to the family of Frank Reade Jr., who died on January 4. A native of Waltham and an Army vet, Frank was a member of the 126 Newbury St. College of Business Administration (CBA) men and later was managing editor of *The Heights* and worked on *Sub Turri*. • Next, our condolences to Pat and the family of George Bray, who died on January 13. Another veteran of the 126 Newbury St. CBA, George served for three years in the US Air Force in China, India, and Burma, later earning a degree in elementary education. • Our condolences also go to Marie and the family of S. John Bellissimo, who died on January 15. John was a Navy vet and had been an engineer for Raytheon for many years. • The class also extends its condolences to John Sarjeant JD '54 on the death of his wife, Patricia. • Our annual Mass for departed classmates was held on October 1, 2006, in Trinity Chapel with Fr. Dan Moran as celebrant, ably assisted by John Hayes and Jim Harvey. We must thank Jim for his donation of an American flag to his parish

of St. Joseph's. The flag was in memory of his sister, Mary Louise, who served as a Wave in World War II. • We hope you all had a good winter and escaped the ice and snow and are now enjoying a nice, warm spring. Drop us a note with your winter tales and above all, keep in touch.

## 1944

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If you check your yearbook, you will find, as I have, that you can barely recognize your own picture. But it must be you, because it has your name underneath. So you can imagine how surprised Bill Daly and I were, after so many years, to meet at Christmas-time and immediately to recognize each other. I guess some vestiges of another lifetime always remain. Bill is very well and is still living in Concord; being in good health helps, of course. • This is certainly true of Marty Coleman and Joe Gaudreau, who both have a familiar spring in their step. Joe

is living in Wellesley and Marty in Wayland and Marty still checks in at his office two or three times a week to make sure that the wheels are still turning. • It seems at this time in our lives that we are all trying to make ourselves and the world around us as comfortable as possible. A number of classmates find living on Cape Cod a good place to do this. Among them are **Tom Hazlett**, **Tom Casey**, **Tom Soles**, **Cornelius Cleary**, **Tom Joyce**, and **John Toomey**. There are now enough alumni from several years to have formed a Boston College Club of Cape Cod. They have regular meetings and activities, which makes keeping in touch relatively easy. • On the other hand, another group of us, either seasonally or year-round, find Florida the comfort zone of choice. This group includes **Al Dickensheid**, **Phil Keaney**, **Walter Fitzgerald**, **Steve Stavro**, **Ed Thomas**, and **Tino Spatola**. I'm not sure whether it's the climate or the golf or both, but as they say, whatever works for you. • Peace.

## 1945

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**Jacob Santamaria** reports from Clearwater, FL, that he is enjoying retirement, playing golf twice a week. His granddaughter, **Lisa Doten '02**, will earn her MS in finance from the Carroll Graduate School of Management in May. • **Ed Burns** and **Bill Cornyn** are playing golf in Florida along with **Ike Bevins**, Ed's assistant in football. • **Joe Devlin** had lunch at the new Quarry Hills Golf Course in Quincy with its spectacular view of the city of Boston. • **Charlie McCready** is making progress in Florida and hoping to be able to play golf shortly. • **Bill Hamrock** is active in New Hampshire as director of the BC Club chapter there, and he was heading to Naples, FL, to escape the snow. • **John Larivee** resigned from the "Lifeline" program at North Shore Medical Center after 15 years of service. • **Doug MacGillivray** is in his third year of retirement from his general surgical practice in Danvers. He and his wife, **Dorothy**, are enjoying their 12 children and 19 grandchildren. • **Paul Dawson** took a cruise to Bermuda in late October and had a great time. • **John Brady** is enjoying retirement in Naples, FL. • All is well with **Dave Hern**, who says he is thankful for what the class does. • **Stanley**

**Dmohowski** is spending time with his wife, who suffers from the effects of a stroke. Occasionally, he takes in a BC game with his daughters. • **Vin Catalogna** is enjoying retirement with his wife, **Phyllis**. • **Neil Restani** is employed as the director of veterans' services for the Town of Lynnfield. • Quote from **Leo McGrath**: "Same old! Same old! Deo gratias!" • **Bob Minichiello** plays tennis three times a week. His golfing friends ask him when he is going to take up golf. He answers, "When I get old." • **Mary (Mrs. Thomas) Seaver** is enjoying her visits with her nine children and 14 grandchildren and does

nurse therapist. He is very much in our prayers for a full recovery. • **John Morin** informed me that his mother, **Marie Morin**, wife of deceased classmate **Paul Morin**, died of pneumonia on January 5. She was 94 years and 11 months old. • I talked with **Fr. John Flynn** on his birthday in January. Although he deals with minor health problems, he is doing fine. • **Gene Nash** and his wife, **Barbara MSW '48**, spend six months in Florida and the summer in Mashpee on Cape Cod. They went on a seven-day cruise to Alaska. They saw Glacier Bay and said it was a terrific sight and very beautiful. His wife has a

## How many remember the gray Monday morning lament of Fr. Low when a prospective scholar-athlete from Lynn, and a probable Greek major as well, chose to matriculate at another institution of higher learning?

substitute teaching. • Good news from **Joe Harrington**: His eye doctor does not believe Joe will go totally blind. Joe was planning to spend February and March in California. • Yours truly, **Lou Sorgi**, is doing much better with lower back problems resulting from treatments with a chiropractor. • Mark your calendars for June 4 for our 62nd anniversary memorial luncheon and Mass at Trinity Chapel. That's it for now. Ever to excel!

## 1946

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**Jim Costello** had a stroke and is recovering well. He is now at home where he has the loving assistance of his wife, **Jean**, and a

master's degree from the BC Graduate School of Social Work, Class of 1948, making her a classmate. Their daughter **Mary MEd '74**, **PhD '97** has a master's degree and a doctorate from BC. Their son **Tom '75** graduated from BC and has a master's degree from Babson College. Their granddaughter **Kate '02**, **MA '04** has her undergraduate and master's degrees from BC. Grandson **Thomas '07** is a senior at BC. **Gene's** youngest son went to BC nights for 10 years and graduated last May. • **Bill Noonan** had a relapse and is in Milton Hospital being diagnosed. We ask your prayers for his speedy recovery.

## 1949

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I am writing these notes on March 5 while overlooking the chilly waters of the mouth of the Neponset River as it flows into Boston Harbor near BC High. Our next class event is the alumni Mass and breakfast for Laetare Sunday on March 18 in Conte Forum auditorium on the Main Campus. I will be reporting on that event in the next class notes. So far I have heard from **Sahag Dakesian**, **Bill Cohan**, **Jake Meany**, and **Ernie Ciampa** indicating that they will be attending. On Sunday, April 29, at 2:00 p.m., we will be celebrating the



arrival of spring with a theater production of a great Gilbert & Sullivan musical, *The Pirates of Penzance*, presented by the Theater Arts Department at Robsham Theater. The performance will be followed by light refreshments and a get-together at Vander-slice Hall, next to the theater on Lower Campus. We hope to have a good turnout to chat about old times while humming familiar tunes from the show. • I received a letter from **Ted C. McCarthy** chronicling a lifetime of public service. He served in the Massachusetts National Guard and was a lieutenant, and later captain, in the Marine Corps during the Korean War. He worked for the Federal Drug Administration as a special agent before attending law school at Georgetown; thereafter, he worked for more than 25 years as a civil rights counsel for several federal agencies. Ted retired in 1987 in San Francisco. He is looking forward to dedicating at least a year's service, starting in May, at the leper colony on Molokai, God willing. Ted intends to return for the 60th anniversary in 2009 and sends his regards to Fr. Charlie McCoy, CHF, our class president **John Driscoll**, and **Charlie McKenna**. He ended his letter saying he plans to buy a thatch-roofed cottage on Inishmore, the Aran Islands, in Ireland. Call me if you want Ted's phone number or address. • Meanwhile, on the home front, on Monday afternoons Madelyn and I have been leading a 13-week seminar on Irish history at the BC Lifelong Learning Institute at the Connors Family Retreat and Conference Center in Dover. This is the sixth such seminar we have conducted, and our first since returning after a two-year break. • On a sad note, Sahag Dakesian called to tell me that **John Emmons'** son James had passed away after a long bout with cancer. Our prayers and condolences go out to John and his family at this time of mourning.

## 1950

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**Herbert J. Bober** died suddenly on January 8 in Hyannis, surrounded by his devoted family. Born in Boston, he was proud to be both a Triple Eagle and a Golden Eagle. He was a corporal in the Army during the Korean War. His commitment to the Jesuit tradition and his Catholic faith was unwavering. He was employed as a corporate

attorney by State Mutual Life Assurance Company for more than 15 years and retired as the assistant general counselor. In recent years, he worked in private law practices as a criminal and civil litigator. He also served as a bar advocate, and his particular passion was as a legal advocate for the mentally ill. He was a member of both the Worcester and the Barnstable county bar associations. He leaves three daughters and two sons. A Mass of Christian Burial took place at the Holy Redeemer Church in Chatham on January 12. He was buried in Union Cemetery in Chatham. • **John A. Ryan Jr.** died on September 23, 2006, in Little Compton, RI. He was born in Cambridge in 1923. He joined the Army in 1942, serving overseas as a sergeant in the Military Police. After a brief time in business, he began a career in government service as a special agent, first with the Office of Naval Intelligence and later with the Defense Investigative Service until his retirement in 1993. He was a life member of VFW Post 5392 of Little Compton, the American Legion, the Association of Retired Naval Investigative Service Special Agents, and the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association. Besides his wife, Anna Frances, he is survived by many cousins and loving friends. He was the brother of the late Francis Ryan of Cambridge. His funeral was held with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Catherine of Siena Church on the Commons in Little Compton. • If you have any news, please send it to me. I assure you that it will be published.

## NC 1950-1953

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Sadly, I must report the death of **Eleanor Murphy Fay '53** on August 5, 2006. She leaves her husband, Paul, six children, and 12 grandchildren. Ellie had been active in the League of Women Voters in Dedham and in the Amelia Island Ladies Book Club in Florida. One great memory I have of her goes back to early freshman year when she and **Nancy Hurley Quinn '53** managed to earn a three-week campus detention for being outside their rooms after 10:00 p.m. (You remember the rule: "...to the nearest lavatory, not for the purpose of washing!") At the end of the incarceration, Ellie and Nancy came down from their rooms headed for the Ritz, either for lunch or for cocktails, perhaps both. Over her sophisticated suit,

Ellie wore a fur neckpiece complete with animal heads, the kind we coveted so much in those days. On that occasion, she summed up all her spirit and élan. Sorry, Nancy, I cannot remember what you wore! Please keep Ellie, Paul, and their children and grandchildren in your prayers. • I had a wonderful trip to Tuscany in October 2006 with a group from Belmont Hill School. The city of Florence gripped me exactly as it had when I visited with my parents in 1952. • Please send news.

## 1951

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Happy spring! • One of the great leaders of our class, **Jim Derba**, received the John J. Griffin Class Agent Award at the Volunteer Tribute Dinner on March 30. It should be recalled that Jim began in a major role as associate general chairman of the general phase of the Centennial Fund Campaign from 1961 to 1965. Notre Dame and St. Louis University had each raised \$6 million from alumni at that time. Because of the efforts of Jim Derba and other committed alumni leaders, and love of our alma mater, BC alumni gave the unprecedented amount of \$7.25 million. Our own classmates have continued to be generous, as witness our gift of more than \$6 million this past year. • How many remember the gray Monday morning lament of Fr. Low when a prospective scholar-athlete from Lynn, and a probable Greek major as well, chose to matriculate at another institution of higher learning? The answer appears below in the trivia recall section. • **Joe Breen '51** and **Tom Donahue** are seen at the home football games. Tom is so focused on the action that one cannot even catch his eye. • **Dick Russo** and **Moe Rahilly** make for interesting lunch companions. • **Dave McAvinn** is a regular at Eagles basketball games. We can be pleased with the performance of the men's and women's athletic teams. We are blessed with the high personal standards and expectations of all the coaches. The new football coach gave a stirring talk on Laetare Sunday in his discussion of "Faith and Family." • Trivia recall: Fr. Low's comment was, "He who is not with us is Agganis." • We are always anxious to hear about classmates, so don't hesitate to provide any such information.



## 1952 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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As I write this at the beginning of March, I am looking forward to seeing some classmates at Laetare Sunday and then getting a report from **Jim Callahan** on the Naples, FL, reunion. I know **Tom Cummiskey** and his wife, Mary, will be celebrating the 55th at the Naples party, while **Bill Doherty** and **Bob Doherty** both wrote that they are glad that the party goes on, even though the restaurant **Al Sexton** used for so many years has been torn down. **John P. Sullivan** was in Naples for the month of February and missed the party. I will be able to talk about those activities in the next issue. • Our 55th reunion, scheduled to take place June 1-3, will bring many '52ers back to the Heights. **Al Casassa**, **Charlie Haney**, **Joe Keohane**, **Bill Killoran**, **Stan Saperstein**, and **Frank Canning** have each sent in a note saying that they are looking forward to a great time. • **Ray McCarron** will enjoy the activities because, he tells me, his daughter Diane '82 and her husband, Mark '82, will celebrate their 25th, and his daughter Paula '87 will celebrate her 20th. Ray has five children and 14 grandchildren. • **Peter Chrisom** is enjoying his new twin grandchildren, who bring his total grandchildren to 23. In total number of grandchildren, I doubt anyone in the class can top **Rose** and **Charlie Hanafin's** 54. These will be some of the things to check in June. • February was a big month for Frs. **Jim Larner**, **Tom Murray**, **Peter Martocchio**, **Bob McAuliffe**, and **Hugh O'Regan**, as they celebrated the 50th anniversary of their ordination. Congratulations to all of these great priests. • **Alane** and **Gene Youngentob** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December, and **Marie** and **Charlie Barrett** will celebrate theirs in May. • **Maryalice Gallagher** attended the Advent Day of Recollection at Alumni House and said it was wonderful. • **Pat** and **Jack Leary** have moved to a new house in Exeter, NH, and love living on one floor. • **Dick Schwartz** has joined a board to help the homeless in Cloverdale, CA. • **Jim DeGiacomo** continues to practice law in Boston. • **Paul Clinton** has retired from all boards and says, "It was a good run!" • **Charlie Jones** and wife **Barbara** have retired in Kansas, while **John Burns**, **Dick Bangs**, **George Cyr**, **Hugh Donaghue**, **Ken Flynn**, **Bob Grossman**, **John Loughman**,

**Pete Lupien**, and **Frank Vaughan** each tell me that they are still moving and are happy being well into their seventies. • **Cynthia "Sylvia" Amarello** retired from nursing to enjoy her eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. • **Geri** and **Leo Stankard** meet up with **Ciel** and **Stan Saperstein** for winter golf at as many nine-hole courses as they can find in the Palm Beach area. • **Paula** (Mrs. **Terence**) **McCoy**, **Eileen** (Mrs. **Bob**) **Freeley**, and **Marjorie** (Mrs. **Joe**) **Muscato** send word that they enjoy getting the news of the class and say it keeps them feeling connected with '52. • As I close, I ask all to pray for **Marie** (Mrs. **Jack**) **Monahan** as she struggles with the effects of a stroke; for the souls of **Joe Clune**, **Jim Parsons**, **Joan** (Mrs. **Peter**) **Chrisom**, **Claire** (Mrs. **Larry**) **Murren** and **Jane** (Mrs. **Robert**) **Suleski**; and for all our classmates and their spouses who are ill or may have died recently. • I hope to see all of you in June. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit [www.bc.edu/classes/1952](http://www.bc.edu/classes/1952) or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

## 1953

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Note: To get the full story of our class activities, go to the BC Online Community at [www.bc.edu/friends/alumni/community.html](http://www.bc.edu/friends/alumni/community.html). Your BC Eagle ID is printed above your name on the *BC Magazine* mailing label. • This year, as classmate **Ray Kenney** marks his 74th birthday and his 54th undergraduate reunion at Boston College, his children have established a \$125,000 endowed scholarship fund at the Law School in his honor. The **Raymond J. Kenney Jr. '58 Scholarship** will be presented annually to a BC graduate who will pursue a degree at BC Law. The scholarship was a surprise to Ray, who says, "I was speechless. It blew me away that my children would think that much of me." • President **Paul Coughlin** reports that our class had a good representation at the Christmas Chorale on December 3, 2006. In addition to **Paul** and **Maryanne**, others who attended were **Barbara** and **Spike Boyle**, **Jack Costa** and **Mimi Iantosca**, **Patricia '66** and **Jim Dunn**, **Marie** and **Matt Flaherty**, **Claire** and **Ray Kenney**, **Joanne** and **George Kiesewetter**, and **Gerry** and **John McCauley**. Others attending were

**Barbara** and **Austin Smith**, **Rosemary** and **Eugene Sullivan**, **Betty** and **Bob Sullivan**, **Mary** and **Bob Willis**, **Irene** and **Bill Martin**, **Muriel** and **Art Delaney**, **Eunice** and **Paul Twitchell**, **Eleanor** and **Sal Venezia**, **Jean** and **Paul Murray**, and **Priscilla** and **Dennis Cronin**. Other classmates who were heard from but couldn't attend were **Jack Coleman**, **Don Akikie**, **John Foley**, **Quentin Hughes**, **Jim Willwerth**, and **Don Burgess**. • I received a note from **Bill Farrell**, who wrote that he is in his 50th year of teaching at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH. The college will give him an honorary degree at graduation in May. Bill is deeply honored by this award. "As the senior faculty member, Saint Anselm's has been my entire adult life," he said. • Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Inc., recently established a named scholarship fund to honor classmate **Jim Queenan**. The announcement reads as follows: "Hon. James F. Queenan Jr., US Bankruptcy Court, District of Massachusetts. A leader in the Worcester and bankruptcy bars, who, as chief of the US Bankruptcy Court, demonstrated patience, fairness, and geniality toward all who appeared before him." • **Dick Horan** sent me his annual report on the **Fr. Joseph T. Greer '53 Endowment Fund**, which was established in 1993 by classmates, family members, and friends of Fr. Joe. The market value of the fund at the beginning of the 2006-2007 fiscal year (June 1, 2006) was \$197,959, providing \$8,469 for scholarship aid. The award amount was up from \$7,638 last year.

## 1954

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Spring has arrived with the celebration of Laetare Sunday. BC's new head football coach, **Jeff Jagodzinski**, was the guest speaker. • At another occasion, **Lenny Matthews** and **Ed Evangelista** attended the BC Gridiron Recruitment Dinner at the Yawkey Center, where Coach Jagodzinski discussed the BC football program. • We are also pleased to report on a recent article in a Cape Cod newspaper that featured **Martha Curley**, the wife of **Dick Curley**. The mother of seven children, she is very active in her hometown of Osterville. Her parenting ideas and suggestions on senior living were given a very positive review. • We were saddened to hear of the passing of **Dan Miley**.





**A BROTHERHOOD FOR BC** Paul Quinn, his late brother James M. Quinn, a member of the Class of 1952, and their sister, Sister Francis Timothy, were closer than most siblings. As adults, Paul and Jim shared a family home in the Jamaica Plain area of Boston, as well as a passion for Boston College. Ardent fans of BC athletics, Jim and Sister Francis attended every home football game for 25 years.

“Even though I didn’t attend BC, I always felt a part of the BC family,” says Paul, who served as executor of Jim’s estate. The James M. Quinn ’52 Scholarship Fund is funded by a bequest from the estate and has been awarded to Jeremy Yancey ’09 for the past two years.

“Jim would be thrilled to see students like Jeremy have the chance to prosper at BC as he did,” says Paul.

PICTURED ABOVE: Paul Quinn with Jeremy Yancey ’09 in Burns Library.

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Dan was easily one of the most popular members of our class and for many years served as a class officer. He was a senior vice president of operations for John Hancock Advisers and senior vice president and treasurer of all John Hancock mutual funds. He also was very active in his hometown of Holliston. He leaves behind his lovely wife, Margaret, and four children. • We also sadly report the passing of **Lou Florio** of South Yarmouth. With Mike Holovak '43, Lou coached BC football for the 1957 and 1958 seasons. He later went into the sporting goods business. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Lois Ann, and five children.

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## 1955

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**Bob Trevisani's** tribute to the late Fr. Robert Drinan, SJ '42, MA '45, was quoted in the *Boston College Chronicle*. Bob, who graduated from the Law School in 1958, was instrumental in raising money to establish a Robert F. Drinan, SJ, Chair at the Law School. • I've been thinking that perhaps we should have part of our 55th reunion in Naples, FL, because so many classmates are there, as I write, or were there this winter. **Bob Kelleher** and his wife, Lou, planned to be there for the month of March. Nick and **Pat Lavoie Grugnale** joined John and **Mary Rose McCarty Griffin**, **Gail McGuire**, and **Rich and Barbara Dennis Lund** for the Super Bowl and the party that followed. • Sadly, one classmate who always joined the others in Florida each year died on December 24. **Jerry Donahoe** lost his long battle with cancer. Jerry, who spent his professional life as an educator, was so proud of BC. He was very involved in alumni activities and served on each reunion committee as well as on the subcommittees. As our 50th reunion drew near, Jerry and **Virginia** spent many hours helping **Jean O'Neil** to finalize the yearbook. In fact, the yearbook was on display at Jerry's wake, and he wore his Golden Eagle pin. • In January, **Donald**

**Gross** died. He was living in Newbury, NH. • As I prepared to write this column, I learned that **Ruth Henning Sweeney** has joined her husband, Hugh, in eternal life. Ruth spent many years as a nurse administrator and nurse practitioner on an Alzheimer's research unit until health issues forced her into early retirement. • To Ruth's family, who were so devoted to her during her long illness, to **Virginia Donahoe** and her family, and to the family of **Donald Gross** go my deepest sympathy and prayers that you will find peace and comfort in your memories.

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Please note my new e-mail address above. • **Dick Gagliardi** was honored by Quinnipiac University before the Yale vs. Quinnipiac men's ice hockey game as part of its dedication celebration of a new \$52 million basketball and ice hockey facility. Dick is a former Yale head coach. He currently lives in Hamden, CT. • In January, several classmates attended the hockey game against Providence that BC won (3-1), and the basketball game against Virginia that we won (78-73). At the Virginia game reception, we sat with **Mary and Jerry Sullivan**, **Carol Hines Gleason** and her grandson **Michael** (already a confirmed BC fan at age 13), and **Dan '55 and Carolyn Ann Kenney Foley**. We also saw **Pat '69 and Frank Furey**, **Joan and Bill Nolan**, and **Leo '58 and Claire Hoban McCormack**. **John Feudo '82**, associate vice president for alumni relations, introduced Athletic Director **Gene DeFilippo**, who spoke briefly about the athletic program and the ACC. • At the Alumni House Advent retreat, given by Alumni Chaplain **Fr. William McInnes**, SJ, '44, MA '51, we saw **Dan and Carolyn**, **Ernestine Bolduc**, **Ed Cox** and **Betty Casey**, **Kathleen Donovan Goudie**, and **Margaret and Bill Plansky**. • **Tom Jones** wrote that he and **Martha** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December. • **Fr. Dave Gill**, SJ, celebrated his

50th anniversary as a Jesuit at BC High in early September. • **Jim Benjamin** retired in December after 19 years at BAE Systems. He will live in Verona, NJ, with his wife, Ruth, and daughter **Bridget**, and plans to finish restoring his 1951 MG-TD. • **Mary-jane Shannon Seery** of Monument Beach, MA, died on December 28. • **Doc Mauro** was diagnosed with lung cancer just after Christmas. • Also, **Jim Costa '03**, from the Alumni Association (who helped with our reunion arrangements superbly), was in a bad car accident. • Please keep them and all classmates and their families in your prayers. • Please let me know any news about classmates. Use your Eagle ID number from the magazine's mailing label to register for BC's Online Community (<http://www.bc.edu/friends/alumni/community.html>) to post news items as well as to read other classmates' postings.

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## 1957 REUNION: MAY 31-JUNE 3

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The great Class of 1957 golden anniversary is almost at hand! The countdown is now in full throttle; mark the dates May 31-June 3 for the grand reunion of a lifetime. Life as a Golden Eagle is not only exciting; it is also a special God-given gift. Where have the years gone for the Class of 1957, that is "second to none" at this worldwide esteemed Jesuit university? • A mailing was sent out in late February, outlining many golden anniversary events including Laetare Sunday, March 18; the Alumni Evening at the Arts Festival, April 28; and BC Night at the Pops, May 18. There will also be a Golden Class golf event at the Sandy Burr Country Club in Wayland, MA, on May 31. **Jim Devlin** and **Joe McMenimen** are the co-chairs of this very popular event. • **Fr. Thomas A. Ahearn**, MM, retired from the Maryknoll order in January 2006. Fr. Tom has more than enjoyed his leisure time, volunteering at Sing Sing prison, taking a trip to Lourdes last May, and joining our classmates on the trip to Sorrento last October. He also has a



new interest in astronomy, which has opened him to the immensity of the universe and the awesomeness of God's creation. • Also in 2006, Fr. Gerry Kelly, MM, organized group trips to Peru and Bolivia for campus ministers and youth ministers. In late August, Fr. Gerry was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Through the grace of God and the great power of prayer, the doctors at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Texas have it under control, although he is continuing treatment. Fr. Gerry, please be assured of our continued prayers for your complete recovery, please God. • **Bill Cunningham** from Naples, FL, contacted me in early March. Bill related to me that they recently had two wonderful events. Sunday, March 4, saw 260 classmates and other BC alumni gathered for an outdoor Mass, celebrated by Fr. William P. Leahy, SJ. Fr. William B. Neenan, SJ, the co-celebrant, delivered a very moving homily. The event was a sellout! Following the Mass was a brunch where Bill introduced Fr. Leahy, who spoke about plans for the future of this great University. The following evening, 44 of our classmates, with their husbands or wives, attended a social hour and dinner at the Strand Restaurant, where classmates talked about their experiences over the past 50 years. It was unanimous that our Florida classmates and others are looking forward with great anticipation to our golden anniversary. • At the present time, our class board of directors is making plans for another fall trip later this year. Stay tuned for the dates! • The class extends its condolences to the families of classmates who have passed away: **Patricia Ritchie Danforth**, of Portsmouth, NH; **M. R. Spaulding**, of Winterport, ME; and **Alice Marie Stuecks**,

of Salem, MA; and also to **Dick Michaud**, whose son, Richard Jr., passed away in February at the age of 49. • Prayers are also requested for **Maureen Murphy Coakley**, wife of classmate **Edward F. Coakley**; again for our dear priest classmate, Fr. Gerry; and for both **Bill Dunn** and his wife, **Denise O'Brien Dunn '58**. **Bill Cunningham** and **Ed Coakley**, co-chairs of the 1957 Golden Reunion Gift Committee, reported that only 26 percent of our class had made a contri-

bution since mid-February! *Let's go for it and do it!* If you have not been contacted and are interested in making a gift, please call **Walker Jones**, associate director for classes in University Advancement, at 617-552-1445. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit [www.bc.edu/classes/1957](http://www.bc.edu/classes/1957) or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

## NC 1957 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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A small group, led by **Mike Daley**, **Barbara Cuneo O'Connell**, **Dick Simons**, **Ed Gilmore**, **Dan Cummins**, and **Bea Capraro Busa**, has started talking with our classmates about our golden anniversary reunion in June 2008. This group would like our class to learn more about planned gifts as an individual way to give in honor of our reunion next year. These include gifts that pay income to the donor for life as well as bequest gifts. • **George Bishop** has been retired since 1992 and resides full-time in Pocono Pines, PA. **George** and **Kathy** have been married 43 years and have three children and 10 grandchildren. Last October on a trip to Italy, they learned that the Class of

1957 was holding a reunion at their hotel in Sorrento. What a coincidence! • **Jim Lynch**, after retiring as the assistant superintendent of schools in Canton, is now living in Dunedin, FL. **Jim** and **Carol** have four children and four grandchildren. • I had a nice note from **Emile Thibault**, who reports that he retired from government service in 1992. After several years in Hilton Head, he and his wife, **Ruth**, relocated to Ormond Beach, FL. **Emile** stays active in the real estate business there. In the off-periods, he and **Ruth** jump into their motor home and travel back home to Massachusetts. • I enjoyed the great profile of **Mike Frazier** in the Winter issue of *BC Magazine*. It brought back memories of 1957 when **Mike** and yours truly stood on Route 9 in freezing weather holding a white sheet that read "Boston College Students to Florida." Three rides later, we landed in Callahan, FL, having spent \$22 between us. • A total of 84 classmates and wives were present at our summer 2006 class reception and lunch held at the Wianno Club on Cape Cod. In March, our annual Florida luncheon was held at the Stonebridge Country Club in Naples with over 52 present. Fr. **William Neenan, SJ**, vice president and special assistant to Fr. **Leahy**, was the featured speaker, with **Wendy Chou** from the University Advancement Office in attendance. Many thanks to **Ed Gilmore** and **Bea Busa** for cohosting this event. • **Tank Meehan** still can't get over the gift the class gave him at our 40th reunion (a bottle of Budweiser) for traveling the greatest distance (from Turkey). He is hoping for a free Bermuda trip for the 50th since he will be coming from Germany. • All information on the Class of 1958 can be found on our new Website, [www.bc.edu/classes/1958](http://www.bc.edu/classes/1958). • Please send your class dues to **Jack "Mucca" McDevitt**, 28 Cedar St., Medford, MA 02155. Please let me hear from you.

## NC 1958

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**Rosemary Stuart Dwyer** was the recipient of the Cor Unum Award (Eastern Region) at this year's 37th Associated Alumnae and Alumni of the Sacred Heart National Conference in New York City. The award pays tribute to alumnae who have embraced the philosophy of the Sacred Heart in their everyday lives.

## 1959

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News from the class has been slow. I suppose that everyone is resting up before our 50th reunion. Also, I think we are in another of our life passages in which

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of Salem, MA; and also to **Dick Michaud**, whose son, Richard Jr., passed away in February at the age of 49. • Prayers are also requested for **Maureen Murphy Coakley**, wife of classmate **Edward F. Coakley**; again for our dear priest classmate, Fr. Gerry; and for both **Bill Dunn** and his wife, **Denise O'Brien Dunn '58**. **Bill Cunningham** and **Ed Coakley**, co-chairs of the 1957 Golden Reunion Gift Committee, reported that only 26 percent of our class had made a contri-

bution since mid-February! *Let's go for it and do it!* If you have not been contacted and are interested in making a gift, please call **Walker Jones**, associate director for classes in University Advancement, at 617-552-1445. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit [www.bc.edu/classes/1957](http://www.bc.edu/classes/1957) or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

grandchildren, travel, good health, and golf are first, and everything else is second, including work and correspondence. As we enter our seventh decade, it is hard to deny that we are now truly senior citizens. Personally, I have found it hard to adjust to expectations of many (including my children) that I slow down at work and retire to some island in the south...although the winters do seem longer. • Recently I spoke with **Peter McLaughlin**, who is still at BC, where he continues to work on principal gifts as well as help to coordinate the admissions process for legacy applicants. Peter and I spoke briefly about the 50th reunion planning, which we expect to start in June. We'll be forming a steering committee about that time and will welcome expressions of interest. You will be receiving letters regarding class notes and the 50th. Please try to help out if you can. • I heard from **Tom Whalen**, who wrote me about the death of **Joe Fallo** in October. Joe spent many years in education in Maynard and Waltham at the junior and senior high schools...a thoughtful and caring man. Joe will be greatly missed by family, friends, students, and colleagues. • Also in October, we lost **Tom Hughes**. Tom was one of the great supporters of the class. He attended most class activities down through the years. His is a BC family, and his son Pete was head baseball coach at BC for eight years. I remember Tom as a warm, friendly, and funny classmate. In particular, we shared some great laughs as seniors on the *Sub Turri*, where **Jack Madden** and **Chet Blake** thought us to be out of control most of the time. • Have a relaxing summer.

## NC 1959

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**Jack Falvey** writes frequently with news of his articles on business and family. He has a close relationship with BC and attends a

number of scheduled events for the alumni. Maybe it will become contagious and more information will be forthcoming. • Have a wonderful summer. Only three more years until the "big one"! *Plan on it!* I am filling just a little space, as you can see, so help me out: Let me hear for you.

## NC 1960

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Do you enjoy reading the updates on your classmates? Have we heard from you lately? Would you please help me by e-mailing a short update to **dorseypm@comcast.net**. • **Eleanor Coppola Brown** responded: "I am a resident of Naples, FL, and spend about five months a year back in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Not quite ready to make the break. I have nine grandchildren: two in Birmingham, MI; five in Charlotte, NC; and two in Manhattan. The oldest one is slowly filling out his college applications. The youngest was born in February 2006, 10 weeks early. He is playing 'catch-up' physically, but seems right on target mentally. I am retired from public accounting, but from January to April, I work for a Naples attorney/CPA who has a large estate-planning practice. His specialty is charitable giving, so the tax

group planned to attend. • On that same weekend, **Jeanne Hanrihan Connolly**, with her daughter Anne, hosted their annual tea at Anne's place in Needham. Jeanne's good news is that they sold their home on Martha's Vineyard. She and her husband, Ed '52, are living in Falmouth while they look for a permanent home on Cape Cod. • **Dee Demers Ferdon** spoke with Sally, and said she was feeling great after taking a cruise. Dee is doing well in treatment and hoped to come east this spring. Our prayers and good wishes for success are with you, Dee. • As I was about to submit this class letter to BC on March 2, I heard that **Suzanne Thornton** had passed away from cancer on March 1 in Rhode Island, surrounded by family and friends. I will comment further in the next issue. • I wish you a healthy and pleasant summer!

## 1961

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Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family of **Jim Buckley**, who has passed away. May he rest in peace. • Continuing story about **Maryann DiMario Landry**: Maryann is now a retired school teacher living in North Providence. A great Yankees fan, she

**Long story short, DeGeneres flies them out to LA, with Maryann thinking they had only won show tickets, and then brings Maryann up on stage and connects her via satellite with Yankees star Alex Rodriguez.**

returns I prepare are varied and interesting. I spend a lot of energy in my garden in Naples. It is a joy. Thank God for good health." • Our condolences go to **Ann Blunt Condon** and her daughter, Pamela Porter '87, on the death of Jack Condon in late December 2006. • **Sally O'Connell Healy** e-mailed that in January, **Berenice Hackett Davis** had a memorial Mass said for her husband, Pete, in Naples, FL. Many attended from their condo complex. **Brenda Koehler Laundry** and **Kevin Healy** did the readings. **Blanche Hunnewell**, **Eleanor Coppola Brown**, **Brenda**, and **Sally**, the Newton contingent, went back to Berenice's condo after the reception. The Sacred Heart luncheon was held on February 17, and this

always wished the Yankees had "bat girls." With this in mind, her daughter **Johanna** wrote to Ellen DeGeneres, whose TV show has a segment called "My Crazy Dreams." Long story short, DeGeneres flies them out to LA, with Maryann thinking they had only won show tickets, and then brings Maryann up on stage and connects her via satellite with Yankees star Alex Rodriguez. A-Rod invites her to be his guest for a VIP trip to a game at Yankee Stadium, including a visit to the locker room to meet the team, which we understand Maryann greatly enjoyed. • **Phil St. Germain** JD '65 and wife **Toni** are now residents of Naples, FL, but return to summer in Portsmouth, NH. Phil retired as chief financial officer of the high-tech firm



Imany, after taking it public. He is still consulting, but says he plays tennis four to five times a week while working diligently on his golf game. They have three children (two Eagles) and three grandchildren. • **Jim Zyntell** (he who wanted to buy the Carling's Brewery after our class field trip back in 1959) is approaching retirement after 45 years at Blue Cross Blue Shield. Now living in West Roxbury, Jim is one of the prolific members of this year's 50th anniversary class from BC High. • **Ed Burke** (retired colonel, US Army) lives with wife Sally in Springfield, VA, and has two children and two grandchildren. Ed is executive director of the Society of the 1st Infantry Division, with 10,000 members. • **Tom Welch** and wife Charlene live in Boston. Tom sold his technology company last year. • **Tom Jones** is a retired brigadier general, US Army. He and wife Helga live in Wilmington, NC, and Germany. They have four daughters and four grandchildren. Tom travels and speaks extensively. Last year at a meeting of the FBI National Academy in the Netherlands, he met several BC grads in the FBI. Tom tells us that **Jack Sutton** is retired from teaching at the University of Maine and spends the cold months sailing in the Caribbean. In warmer months he is in Yarmouth, ME, where he still has a counseling practice. • **Dave Pelley** and wife Rory live in Somerset. Dave is a manufacturer's rep for leather goods. • **Artie Breault** resides in Athens, GA. After a stint with the IRS, Artie climbed the ladder at Touche Ross. He is now retired.

## NC 1961

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**Betty Hitchins Wilson** underwent surgery for cancer of the esophagus on February 12. Please keep Betty in your prayers. I sent a note to those whose e-mail address I have. I know **Juliana Fazakerly Gilheany**, **Ellen Macdonald Carbone**, **Mary Sue Flanagan**, and **Sr. Judy Vollbrecht, RSCJ**, sent notes. **Jean Reardon Baumann**, who attended Newton our freshman year, has had esophageal cancer and spoke to Betty before her surgery. If you would like Betty's address, let me know. • **Beth Good Wadden** is involved in teaching at her daughter's yoga studio in Longmeadow as well as at the Kripalu Institute in western

Massachusetts. **Mary Walsh** told me that she and **Juliana** go to Kripalu, too. She looks forward to seeing **Beth** there sometime. • **Ellen Macdonald Carbone** and **Duane** welcomed a new granddaughter in January. **Bob** and I had a good visit with them in January. • **Tim '60** and **Gael Sullivan Daly** met us at BC for a hockey game in January before they left for Florida. • **Mary Nolan Calise** and **Tom** have purchased a house in **Dennis** and are planning to live there year-round. • **Bob** and I hosted early admissions high-school seniors and their parents in January here in **Franklin**. Fortunately, there were BC grads from the Classes of 1997, 2000, and 2005, as well as a 2008 student, who could fill them in on present-day life at BC. Many of the grads we have met in **Dallas** and **Nashville** have been **Duchesne** residents. That brought me to thinking that come September, it will be the 50th anniversary of our entrance to **Newton College**. There are many of us, including **Mary Sue**, **Mookie Stehling Kamps**, **Susie O'Leary Portieri**, **Susie Ahern**, **Mary Walsh**, **Juliana**, and **Ann Thomason Oatway**, who "christened" **Duchesne** as freshman. **Mary Walsh** reminded me that it was her father's construction company that was "finishing up" those first few weeks! As **Mary Sue** said, "Oh those cinder block walls, and simple desks." Her question was, how do the students manage nowadays with refrigerators, computers, sound systems, DVD players, etc.? • Has anyone heard anything further about **Ann Sinnott**? • Send me news for the next issue. Hope you all have a wonderful summer.

## 1962 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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Congratulations to **Jack Murray** and his wife, **Barbara**, on the birth of their fifth grandchild, **Nolan Wyatt Murray**, on February 28. **Jack** was particularly pleased because this is the first boy with the **Murray** name. • **Paul Norton** and his wife, **Barbara**, along with **Tom Hubbard** and his wife, **Pat**, are spending the winter on **North Hutchinson Island** in **Florida**. The area is in the center of spring training activities with the **Dodgers**, **Mets**, **Cardinals**, and **Marlins**. From there they go to **Cape Cod**. As **Paul** says, "What a life!" • I hope everyone is

excited about attending our 45th reunion on the weekend of **June 1-3**. Hope to see you there. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit [www.bc.edu/classes/1962](http://www.bc.edu/classes/1962) or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

## NC 1962 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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Our reunion will be weeks away by the time this reaches you, and I hope many of you are planning on coming. • I caught up with **Kathy Mahoney Guilmette** in February to get an update about some **Florida** classmates. She was actually on a bus with a group of friends on her way to **Sarasota**. She and **Anne Gallagher Murphy** were organizing a luncheon for **March 8**. **Anne** and **Kathy** hoped to see **Pat Beck Reardon**, **Marie Sullivan Gorham**, **Holley Hicok Schroeder**, and **Sue Coogan Stone**. • When she is not working and helping with reunion plans, **VV Martin** seems to be on the road accumulating miles. She spent a month in **New Zealand** and **Australia** last year. While there, she attended the international convention of **Zonta**, which is a worldwide nonprofit organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. This year she is planning a trip to **Greece** for two weeks in **May**, and then after the reunion and a trip to **California**, she is taking a two-week cruise in the fall to the **Baltics**. • **Grace Kane Kelly** is swapping her house on **Cape Cod** for a house in **Dijon, France**, for a month this summer. **Mary Corbett** and **Marsha Whelan** will be joining her for one of the weeks. • Do come and join in the fun of **Reunion Weekend Friday, June 1**, until **Sunday, June 3**.

## 1963

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Plans are rolling right along for our 45th reunion under the capable leadership of our class president, **Tom McCabe**. Some of us, including **Tom**, **Dianne Duffin**, **Class Treasurer John Golden**, and yours truly, initially

met prior to the BC vs. Fairfield basketball game in December and set preliminary plans. Developing plans now call for a kickoff celebration this fall in conjunction with the Pops concert on Friday night, complete with a "gourmet picnic dinner." Class group tickets for the UMass football game the next day will be available. A class reception will precede the game in a fenced-in area of the pregame tailgate party called FanFest, sponsored by the Alumni Association! More details will be forthcoming on these and other reunion events. If you would like to serve on the Reunion Committee, contact Tom at Tmccabe862@aol.com or 508-888-5484. • We in the BC community were saddened by the death of Fr. **Robert Drinan**, SJ, '42, MA '45, former dean of BC Law School, who, after being elected to Congress, stepped down at the Pope's behest, following his vow of obedience to the Church. Fr. Bob came from the Boston area, and had an affinity for those of us who were city kids entering the Law School, not a few from our class. A very special man. • **Robert Willix**, a former cardiac thoracic surgeon, is the chief executive officer of Cenegenics Medical Institute of Boca Raton, which recently announced that it was moving to the posh Boca Raton Resort and Club this spring. The Cenegenics health system has recently been featured on *60 Minutes* and in *GQ Magazine* as a program that bridges the gap between conventional medicine and scientifically based age management medicine. • On a personal note, things have been busy in the **McDonnell** household. Christine, our youngest, was married on November 4 to David Smoragiewicz, with a host of BC folks in attendance. Our daughter Marie E. Howard gave birth to our third (first in over 10 years) grandchild, John Angland Howard, on December 27, 2006. She, husband Alex Howard, and the baby are doing very well. Marie is looking forward to returning from maternity leave to her endocrinology practice at Boston Medical Center. No sooner was baby John born, than a daughter and daughter-in-law both announced that summer arrivals are due. Something about it never rains but it sleets... • Keep those cards, letters, telephone calls, and e-mails coming in!

## NC 1963

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## 1964

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**Brian Condon** recently married Dr. Joan Marie Evans. Joan is senior vice president for the Mountain States Division of Voluntary Hospitals of America and is based in Colorado. They are dividing their time between their principal residence in downtown Denver and the family home in Cheshire, CT, where Brian still serves on numerous Connecticut boards. In November his first grandson, Henry Brian, joined two girl cousins, Kate and Celia, to complete the Condon trinity. • **John Hirsh**, who teaches medieval literature and inner-city literacy at Georgetown, is spending the year as a visiting fellow at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, and giving seminars on Middle English poetry at Oxford and Cambridge. His latest book, an anthology of Middle English lyrics, ballads, and carols, appeared in 2005. • **Jim Skeffington** writes that he is an attorney and partner at Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge. He and his wife, Barbara, have two children, James Jr. '93 and Erin Skeffington Murray '96, and two grandchildren. • **Bob Scavullo** recently hosted a small dinner gathering of Bay Area BC family and friends. Barbara Radtke and Melinda Brown Donovan MA '95, BC theology faculty members who work with C21, were in San Francisco for

## He is spending the year as a visiting fellow at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, and giving seminars on Middle English poetry at Oxford and Cambridge.

a conference. Bob is now a learning coach and trustee of Gateway High School in San Francisco. • The Jesuit Connection, a gathering of young adult graduates of Jesuit schools, had its initial meeting with a Mass and reception last December at BC. Fr. **Mike Ford**, SJ, chaplain emeritus at Holy Cross and now prefect, St. Mary's Chapel, at BC, was among the hosts. If you have a young adult in your family and you want to find out all the wonderful things this group is planning (worship, social action, social events), you might want to check out [www.sjnen.org/newsEvents/JesuitConnection.html](http://www.sjnen.org/newsEvents/JesuitConnection.html). • **James Crowley** died on January 18 in Jacksonville Beach, FL. After BC, James graduated from Suffolk

Law. He is survived by his wife, Penny, six children, and seven grandchildren. • I was recently appointed to the BC Alumni Spiritual Life Committee. If you have any ideas about doing a Laetare Sunday event, retreat, etc., in your area, or would be interested in joining a 10- to 14-day immersion trip to El Salvador, Jamaica, etc., please let me know. • Finally, a note from Fr. **Jim Spillane**, SJ, in Indonesia reveals that he is now an avid watcher of ESPN. Small world! Literally.

## NC 1964

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**Susan Lee Gannon** prefaced her remarks to me with her regret at being the bearer of sad tidings. She sent along news of the death of **Jean Sullivan Pybas** on February 19 after an illness. Jean is survived by her husband of 42 years, William K. Pybas; a son, William II, of Douglas; a daughter, Julie A. Wheeler, of Thompson, CT; two grandchildren; and two sisters. Jean had a master's degree in education and was an elementary school teacher for the Town of Holliston for 34 years, retiring in 2001. Known as an innovative educator, she was responsible for developing a program to mainstream children with learning disabilities. Jean was a member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association and was the current president

of the Douglas Historical Society. An active horsewoman, she belonged to the US Eventing Association and the North Bridge Hounds. • Condolences also go to **Kathy Wilson Conroy** on the sudden, tragic death of her nephew in a motorcycle accident in California. This is truly one of those times when being "strong and hopeful" feels almost out of reach. • Our thoughts and prayers are with Kathy and her family and with Jean's husband and family. • News notes from **Kay Raleigh DiFrancesca**, who reports: "I saw **Sheila Lynch Thompson Flores** and her family in San Diego recently. Sheila is still this incredibly beautiful, intelligent, funny, and fun friend—and her husband and son are the right complements.



What nice people. And speaking of nice people, Tom and Kathie McCarty Gruber and her husband, Tom, visited California over Thanksgiving. I may see more and more of them because Kathie and Tom are new grandparents to a beautiful girl, Mary Katherine Brown. Their daughter Beth and her husband live in Irvine, CA, and Kathie's sister, Sharon, lives in San Diego. Kathie, Tom, and I had coffee and lots of conversation." • I close with an observation. Remember, a couple of years ago, when those memory lapses were funny? Everyone had them; everyone figured they were just part of the inevitable "senior scenery." Well, I don't know about you, but I'm finding them a lot less amusing. It's like losing on *Jeopardy!* a little too often. So it really is nice to have others there to help find that word or finish that thought. Maybe it's nature's way of keeping us connected as time goes by. Stay in touch.

## 1965

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Sarah Ann and Jim Mahoney's daughter Sarah and her husband, David Morris, welcomed son Peter Samuel in December. Peter joins big brother William at home in Wayland. • Word has it that Mary and Jeff Somers had a great reunion dinner in New York with classmates who were originally from New Jersey. • My husband, Neal, our daughter Suzanne, and I saw Pat and John Frechette at a restaurant in Naples in February. John and Pat spend the winter in Naples and return to the Cape for the summer. • Kathy McVarish Sullivan wrote at Christmas

European and early Christian history for 35 years and since 2000 has been the Distinguished University Professor in the History Department. He has received many national honors and fellowships, as well as the OSU Distinguished Teaching and Scholar awards and the College of Humanities Exemplary Faculty award. He holds master's and doctoral degrees from Harvard University. • As always, I am looking for news that you can now easily e-mail, so please take a few minutes and let me know what you are doing.

## NC 1965

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Gay Friedman was in Prague and Budapest last spring. Gay has been elected president of her golf club's 18-holer group, and she also is involved in duckpin bowling with the Lucky Ducks at Congressional. • Harriet Dower Stephenson and her husband spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their children and their families in Manhattan; the New York gathering has become an annual event for the whole family. • Lisa Pustorino Edmiston and husband Mark cruised the Baltic countries last summer, and Lisa finally got a chance to use that Russian major! She could actually read and understand the signs, but speaking was another story. • Chris Cartnick Merritt, Janet McNerney Sargent, and Judy Maguire joined Dottie O'Connell Cherry at the Westminster Dog Show in New York. Although Dottie's dog didn't win, everyone had a wonderful time. • Sue Bearden McNamara's daughter Katie was married in Cohasset. Sue also has

Chris Merritt, Marilyn Mainelli Frank, Janet McNerney, Priscilla Durkin, Tink Neubert, Marilise Huyot Flusser, Pat McEvoy Smith, Pat Madden, Eileen Fitzsimmons, Marti Schickel, Midge Schmitt, Joan Wienk, Judy Clune, Helen O'Brien Maher, and Lisa Pustorino Edmiston. The University Club provided a delicious meal and once again had to throw the group out of the room at 4:00 p.m. in order to set up for dinner. That did not dissuade our classmates; they proceeded to the lounge on the first floor for additional chatter and fun until dark. • The 2007 luncheon will be on December 3 at 12:00 noon at the University Club at 54th and Fifth in New York City. Put it on your calendar now! The committee is thinking of arranging for a few rooms to be set aside, if anyone would like overnight accommodations. If interested, e-mail Janet McNerney Sargent at jsarge@optonline.net. • Betsy Warren Werronen hosted a book-signing party for her former boss, Senator Edward Brooke. The party was so successful that they ran out of copies of his book, *Bridging the Divide, My Life*. • Libby Miller Fitzgerald gave a talk and book-signing at the Darien (CT) Community Association. Libby's daughter Kelly was remarried in December on Harbour Island, the Bahamas, and she and her nine-year-old twin girls are blissfully happy. Janet McNerney Sargent hosted a lunch afterward at her house. Chris Merritt, Tink Neubert, Marilyn Mainelli, Sue Casey, and Helen Maher all helped to make it a special visit. • Thanks to all who contributed news; keep it coming!

## 1966

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The hands-down best 40th undergraduate reminiscence was rendered by Richard Chiozzi, who related a story from 1965 involving himself and his part-time job at a nightclub of questionable repute while he was a struggling student. To hear the rest of the story, you'll have to get in touch with the source directly! By the way, Dick now has 14- and 12-year-old sons. His wife, Margo, is vice president of Bristol-Myers Squibb, and Dick is a retired "stay-at-home dad." • Mimi Tharp Powers attended the 40th Friday night festivities with husband Mike and her roommate, Lorraine Fornal Yardan, and her husband, Steve. At Saturday's dinner she

**Remember, a couple of years ago, when those memory lapses were funny? Everyone had them; everyone figured they were just part of the inevitable "senior scenery."**

that she is working at Plymouth Counseling Center and enjoys her work there. Both she and Mary Kingsbury Doller have grandchildren who have been ill with cancer and need your prayers. • Joseph Lynch was selected to deliver the 2007 winter commencement speech at Ohio State University, where he has taught medieval

three new grandsons, two in Hong Kong and one in London. She visited roommate Harriet Dower Stephenson in Sarasota and reports that Harriet is a most creative decorator. • Eighteen members of our class attended the Christmas luncheon in New York City in December. They were Judy Maguire, Dottie O'Connell, Susan Casey,

shared a table with **Mary Shann** and husband **Greg Plunket**, **Gail** and **John Ferney**, and **Judy Downes**. Reminiscence carried the night with **Bitsy '67** and **Charlie Smith**, **Tom Kelly**, **Buzz Chaney**, **David** and **Mary Patenaude**, **Ed Glasheen**, **Dick Taylor**, and **Jim Millea**. "It was a great night, and except for a few wrinkles, we all looked just like we did 40 years ago." • My old roomie, **Paul Delaney**, is spearheading a BC Veterans Memorial for those lost in action in all wars. Discussions are under way with the University, and more information will be forthcoming from the committee. • Last August we lost **Daniel F.X. Healey** of Randolph and **Edward F. Hines** of Andover. Dan and Ed were stellar class representatives. • **Joella** and **Dane Baird** have moved to Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. They have two new, healthy grandchildren to report and burgeoning friendships in the Jacksonville area.

## NC 1966

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**Eugenie Webb Maine** worked from 1995 to 2005 in an international bilingual school in Rome. Eugenie writes, "I cannot begin to enumerate all that I learned from students, parents, and colleagues in this fascinating situation." When Eugenie's husband retired in 2005, they returned to live in Rhode Island for part of the year, after spending 25 years in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Italy. Ron is now a novelist and playwright; daughter Sarah works in TV and film in New York; and Valerie lives in Providence and works in a neuroscience lab at Brown. • **Donna Padula** retired as chief probation officer in Massachusetts in 2002 and moved to Lincoln, NH. She is "enjoying retirement to its fullest—skiing at Loon Mountain in winter, volunteering in the Adaptive Snowsports School (for the disabled), and spending summers at Seabrook Beach." Donna visited **Meg Frisbee** in Vista, CA, in 2004; skied in Colorado and cruised to Bermuda in 2005; and traveled to Hawaii later that year. The Bermuda cruise was a 60th birthday celebration with **Jan Sacco Ablon**, **Ellen McElroy**, and other friends. • **Margie O'Brien Vail** writes that she and **Charlie '66** have both retired. "Life in Salisbury moves at a very agreeable pace. Retirement seems to suit us both. Charlie and I spend our time outdoors whenever the weather per-

mits: Charlie on his tractor, and me on my knees in the garden. In winter, Charlie switches to the plow, and I like to walk the hills and marvel at the winter skies. Charlie is a member of both the local mental health board and a land trust association, and I help to coordinate the volunteers for our local food pantry and am a board member for an after-school program. In addition, I accepted a position as Registrar of Voters last January." Margie and Charlie's children all live within a two-hour drive from Salisbury, and their four grandchildren continue to captivate the family. • **Katherine Byron Kahr** continues her work as a psychothera-

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pist in private practice in Providence. She reports that "it has been a long and satisfying career. Much has changed in my field, with new treatments to alleviate suffering—always interesting." Katherine and Frank have two sons: **Byron**, who is studying law at Georgetown, and **Tony**, who is a medical student at George Washington. She has also taken up exercise with a vengeance, rowing on the "mighty Seekonk" and biking with her husband across Italy.

## 1967 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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By the time you read this, the ice hockey season will be over. However, as last year, we wish **Jerry York** MED '70, our favorite coach, great success in the playoffs (Hockey East and NCAA). Last year Jerry took the team all the way to the championship game and lost by a goal, although his team was mostly freshman players. We hope he captures it all this season. Seen at the hockey games this year were **Bob Slattery**, **Paul White**, **Tom Marchitelli**, **Jim Hickey**, **John Ryan**, **Bob McGinn**, **Jerry Madek**, **Mary-Anne Woodward Benedict** and **Charles Benedict**, **Bill Risio**, and other season ticket holders. We hope to see many of you at the spring football game to watch what Coach Jagodzinski has to offer. • As we write these notes, we are looking for a good turnout for

Laetare Sunday as well as for the Boston Pops! We also expect a large crowd for our Reunion Weekend, given the e-mails and telephone calls from classmates who plan to return to BC in June! Many of the details were in the brochure put out by the Alumni Association, and you can always check the Class of 1967 Web page. • **Lou Scanlon** has been named chief of police for the city of Coronado, CA. Lou recently retired after 30 years of service in the San Diego Police Department. • It is with sadness we note that **Terry Gorman** passed away in early February. The class offers its condolences to Terry's family, and please keep him in your

daily/nightly prayers. We now have approximately 114 members of the Class of '67 who have passed away since our graduation, 40 years ago. Please don't forget them! • For those of you who are veterans, you should be aware that a Veterans Remembrance Committee (we have three members of the Class of '67 on it) is working with the University to have placed on campus a memorial honoring those BC alumni who were killed in action in all conflicts. Further information will follow from the committee and the University regarding specifics and how BC veterans can support this worthwhile project. Since many classmates served (and three died) in Vietnam, we have a special interest in honoring them and those who made it back. Thank you all for your sacrifice! • Please e-mail or call with news about yourself or classmates. Looking forward to seeing you at the 40th Reunion! BCing U. To contribute to our class gift, please visit [www.bc.edu/classes/1967](http://www.bc.edu/classes/1967) or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

## NC 1967 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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Where in the world are you? I hope as you read this you are almost on your way to our big 40th reunion or have just returned from it, depending on the delivery schedule for this issue. We will have time to be part of



the greater reunion groups and activities, as well as to gather and catch up as classmates. With luck there will be lots to share for the next column. • Meanwhile, reports have surfaced that Sharon Missey Queen is still going back and forth between the Cape and Florida to get the best seasonal weather that she can. She hopes that means she will be up north in time for the class get-togethers. • As a sequel to previous news from Anne Caswell Prior about Louise Tully Wallace, Louise came to Boston last fall with her daughter Katie, who was on business, and her grandson Liam. They had lunch with Anne, her husband, Richard, daughter Katherine, and grandson David. Talk about a chatty group! The grandparents enjoyed the youngsters while the new mothers had a chance to visit, like their mothers used to do as roommates. Anne hopes it won't be so long before it happens again. Anne also reported that they have bought a new place near Medfield so they can enjoy longer and more frequent visits with their growing grandson. • Another mini-reunion took place in early February, again in Boston, among Tina Crowley, who was in town for a meeting; Paula Lyons and her husband, Arnie Reisman; and Kathy Doran Hegenbart and her husband, Joe. Paula and Tina are both in media-related businesses. Tina's own firm, The Kenwood Group in San Francisco, produces corporate videos and documentaries, while Paula is a consultant with Bates Communications in Wellesley, coaching business clients on how to communicate with clients, the public, and colleagues. Kathy reports that her work efforts have her managing endowment, retirement, and

all these activities, Kathy reports the birth of another Hegenbart, Joseph J. "Jack" IV, a year ago. Their pride in this latest addition to the family is evidenced in their family holiday photo. • I heard from Kathie Flanigan Asmuth again, with an update this time. She and her husband have been living in a Milwaukee suburb since returning from the Peace Corps in 1969. She runs her own interior design business, but is trying to cut back and enjoy her grandchildren. Her son is in Madison, WI, with three small ones under four, and her daughter is in New York with a two-year-old son. • Now the question is, will I have news about you to share with your classmates soon? I recently have had several requests to find classmates with whom others have lost touch. I am glad if I can help. But we all are interested in what our friends are doing. Please get in touch over the summer and let me know. God bless us for another 40 years!

## 1968

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Nine members of the Class of '68 recently got together to celebrate important birthdays and long friendship. They included Donnie Bouchoux and wife Deborah, Phil DiBelardino, Kenneth Loneragan, Emily DeSimone Mahony, Pam Murray McAneny, Jackie DeMartino O'Neill, Susan O'Neill,

• Here is a brief update on each of the classmates. Donnie Bouchoux is a retired US Navy captain and senior vice president for Whitney, Bradley & Brown in northern Virginia. Deborah, his wife, has written nine books, several in the field of paralegal education, and teaches at Georgetown. Phil DiBelardino is vice president of fine wines at Banfi. He lives in New York and travels frequently to Italy. Kenny Loneragan has retired from teaching and summers at his home on Cape Cod. He is also directing plays at Matignon High School, his alma mater. Emily Mahony is vice president of development at Marymount University and lives in Georgetown. Pam McAneny works at BC mentoring student teachers and has published several teaching books. Susan O'Neill owns and oversees a premiere event fundraising company in Washington, DC, O'Neill and Associates. Jackie O'Neill is university marshal at Harvard University. Michele Tempesta is teaching special education in the Manhasset school system, and husband Peter is director of fine wines at Star Industries, Inc. So everyone is into education, fundraising, and drinking, all skills we learned during our BC days! • Quite touchingly, these friends also made donations in Richie DeRusso's name to the Boston College drama department to honor his memory. Richie had always been interested in drama and went on to star in several Broadway productions, including *Two Gentlemen of Verona*. • Classmates may remember any of our dear departed friends in this special tribute of giving back to Boston College, a place that holds our hearts. • Jack Steinkrauss has been appointed vice president, chief financial officer, and treasurer of the Cognitronics Corporation in Danbury, CT. He holds an MBA degree from the Tuck School at Dartmouth. • Jim's and my eighth grandbaby has arrived! Lucy Fitzgerald Day of Fairfield, CT, was born on February 5 to our son Matthew '95 and his wife, Katie. Lucy joins her older brother, Brady (2). Happy days, indeed!

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foundation money for several Catholic groups. She also is on the advisory board for the Archdiocese of Boston to help rebuild its financial and organizational structure. Last November Kathy was inducted into the Dames of Malta in New York City. This organization provides financial and volunteer support to charitable organizations worldwide. Kathy was amazed to discover a preponderance of Sacred Heart "girls" (and their spouses) as members of the group. (They got their own group photo at the gathering.) In addition to

and Michele Perrotta Tempesta and her husband, Peter. An extra treat was the last-minute addition of Rev. Eddie Phillips, MM, a Maryknoll priest stationed in Nairobi who works with one of the largest AIDS groups in Africa. Unfortunately, one special member of the group was missing, Richie DeRusso, who passed away over 15 years ago. The reunion took place over New Year's Eve weekend, beginning at the Tempestas' home in Manhasset, NY, and continuing with reminiscing, laughter, and fun in New York City at the theater and in restaurants.

## NC 1968

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The snow is swirling as I sit down to write, and I smile to think that when these notes are published, we will have moved forward

to glorious spring! • The 60th birthday celebrations have almost come to an end, but the remaining few still brought Newton friends together. At my own party, it was fun to have Meg Harrington Tyre NC '67, **Martha Harrington Kennedy**, **Jane Sullivan Burke**, and Mary Wurtzelbacher Hogan NC '72 join in. • **Betty Barry Sweet** writes that she and **Bernadette "Pi" Fogel Mansur** toasted together at Pi's house in Bridgehampton, NY. Betty recently moved to Middletown, RI, where she is an interior/product designer. She also maintains an office in Concord, where she previously lived for 21 years. She has one daughter who is a sales executive at MC Communications in Boston, and another who is a labels manager at Caroline Distribution in Manhattan. • Have you run into any former classmates? Keep me posted.

## 1969

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**Robert Burke** was recently appointed professor and chair of the Department of Health Services Management and Leadership, School of Public Health and Health Services, George Washington University. Bob also continues as director of the school's Wertlieb Educational Institute for Long-Term Care Management. He holds a joint appointment in the school's Department of Health Policy and the School of

The trip also included a tour of the University of Central America, the Jesuit University in El Salvador, and the site where the Jesuit priest was murdered 18 years ago, as well as a visit to the church where Archbishop Romero was killed. I strongly recommend that my classmates consider attending future such trips sponsored by the BC Alumni Association. • Please take the time to send me an e-mail and let me know what is going on in your life.

## NC 1969

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As I write, I am anticipating a visit to the Cleveland Museum of Art to join other alumni from the Cleveland area and Boston College Professor Jeffery Howe, chair of the BC Arts Council, who will offer a short lecture on the exhibit *Monet in Normandy*. On my last trip to Cleveland I met up with **Jackie Roughan Gray's** sister Martha Roughan, RSCJ. Martha was recently selected to sit on the board of Boys Hope Girls Hope in Cleveland. As we sat together for lunch I heard about the six little Gray grandchildren. Lined up in a row, Martha said, they make a perfect set of stairs, one just that much taller than the next. It was fun for me to see a familiar face from Newton. Also at the luncheon was Jane Hauserman Hogan NC '65, who graduated ahead of me from Clifton in Cincinnati and

Bob, recently returned from a cruise to South America. • **Susan Power Gallagher**, along with her daughter and niece, traveled to Paris to celebrate milestone birthdays. • Recently, **Polly Glynn Kerrigan** and I have both been to San Francisco because her daughter Amy and family now live there as does my son. Polly and I missed seeing each other by a week. Next time I hope we connect. • Apologies to **Pat Farrell**, who was listed as a graduate of another class in the last issue, when she indeed graduated with us in 1969! • I need some news, so please pass some my way. Tell me how you are observing that big birthday this year!

## 1970

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**Jim Ledwell** has been selected as the winner of the 2007 Alexander Agassiz Medal, awarded by the U.S. National Academy of Sciences. Jim is a senior scientist in the Department of Applied Ocean Physics and Engineering at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. He specializes in the use of chemical tracers to observe currents in the ocean. To measure the mixing and stirring effects of eddies and internal waves, Jim "marks" parcels of water by releasing harmless dyes or chemicals from ships and then measures the subsequent dispersion (sometimes for several years). His work aids oceanographers in understanding the circulation of the ocean and the transport of nutrients, plankton, and pollutants in ocean ecosystems—all of which are important to marine life and to the ocean's role in climate change.

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Medicine and Health Sciences. • **Jim Littleton** (your correspondent) had the enjoyable experience of participating with 12 other alumni and friends in the BC Alumni Association's immersion trip to El Salvador from January 20-26. This was the second immersion trip sponsored by the Alumni Association. During the six-day trip we became "immersed" in the socioeconomic, religious, and historical realities of El Salvador and learned firsthand what daily life is like for those less fortunate. The trip featured meetings with economic, religious, and political leaders and with members of the very poor communities of El Salvador.

from Newton College, and Marcia Picotte Floyd NC '74. • **Pamela DeLeo Delaney** sent me an e-mail to announce the production of two mini-documentaries featuring the Real Time Crime Center, which the New York City Police Foundation, of which Pam is president, and IBM helped fund. Look for public service announcements on TV, in the *Wall Street Journal*, and on in-flight viewing aboard American Airlines. These announcements direct you to experience the documentaries online. • **Sue Davies Maurer** is the proud grandmother of her first grandchild, Christian, born to her son Scott and his wife. Sue and her husband,

## NC 1970

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Lately, we have been a-traveling! **Rita Houlihan** and **Kathy Sheehan** toured Italy under the auspices of FutureChurch, an organization interested in expanding church leadership among women. Led by a biblical scholar, they visited sites in Rome and Ostia-Antigua, where women leaders of the early church lived. • **Eileen Marquette Reilly**



had a year of "ups and downs." She traveled widely: to Florida, where she and husband Ed bought a condominium on Hutchinson Island; to Mexico, where she broke her right ankle and left foot on a cobblestone street; to Kenya, for a safari with children and grandchildren; and to the Baltic Sea, for a two-week cruise. That last trip took "traveling light" to new lengths: Her luggage didn't arrive until the 10th day. The big sadness of the year, though, was her father's passing away; please remember him in your prayers. • **Lynne McCarthy, Liz Gibbons, Tec Manalac, and Anne McDermott** rented a house outside Assisi in the equivalent of a state park. By day, they explored the aptly characterized Italian "hill towns" of Perugia (where escalators run from the lower part of town to the upper), Gubbio (where elevators take visitors uphill from one street to the next), Assisi, and Spoleto. They took pictures, ate scrumptiously, and shopped assiduously. By night, they returned home to cooking, laundry, laughing, and card games: "No one could remember the rules to gin rummy, so we made up our own." Despite a few mishaps (Liz fell down a flight of stairs, and Lynne spent a day with bronchitis—fortunately for her, the day Perugia's escalators were out of order), they had such fun that Liz plans to reunite the foursome in the Galapagos for their 60th birthdays. • **Patti Bruni Keefe** and husband John '74 took 10 children to the picturesque Provencal village of Baume de Transit to celebrate son Johnny's wedding in a 12th-century church. Johnny and wife Amy, both actors, reside in Los Angeles, where Johnny performs in a comedy-jazz show, "Lord Buckley in LA," which the *LA Times* dubbed "the coolest act in town." This was the Keefes' second wedding this year; son Peter married Alana McLaughlin closer to home (i.e., in an apple orchard in Harvard, MA). • Finally, I toured Santa Fe, Hawaii, and Napa Valley to celebrate my husband's 60th birthday. We had a wonderful time taking in the beauty of those very varied landscapes. • May all your travels this year be as rewarding!

## 1971

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**Al Naclerio** has been in the United States Army Reserve since graduation and is now

a colonel in the Judge Advocate General Corps (Army Lawyers). On January 6, he began serving a four-month tour of duty in Kabul, Afghanistan, which will last until his mandatory retirement from the Army. We look forward to his safe return. Al reports that his son Stephen graduated from BC in 2005. His daughter Michele is currently a BC sophomore. • **Jesse Kenney** (Elaine Gareri) reports a major career change. After graduating from the BC School of Nursing, she completed her master's in mental health nursing at Boston University in 1974. Jesse worked for 28 years in the San Francisco Bay area, initially in the field of mental health and substance abuse and later in private practice as a psychotherapist. She then obtained a law degree from the University of San Francisco. Jesse now works as an associate for the San Francisco firm of Levin Simes Kaiser & Gornick, LLP, representing clients in suits against pharmaceutical companies and medical device manufacturers. • **Daniel Johnston** was recently named the 2006 Insurance Professional of the Year by the Insurance Library Association of Boston. He is the president of the Automobile Insurers Bureau of Massachusetts and executive director of the Insurance Fraud Bureau of Massachusetts. Dan began his insurance career in the actuarial field after graduating from BC. • **Joe Collins** reports that he got

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together with **John Mashia, Charley McBride, and Russ Pavia** last November for a mini-reunion in Connecticut. The group spent Friday at the Mohegan Sun Casino, trying their luck at blackjack and other diversions. On Saturday they headed to the Mashia house in Killingworth, CT, to watch the Eagles play Wake Forest in football and to compete with each other in a game of Trivial Pursuit. • **Marisa Labozzetta** reports the publication of her new book, a collection of short stories entitled *At the Copa*. • **Bob Maguire** has accepted the position of major gifts officer in the Office of Institutional Advancement at Merrimack College in North Andover. • Please write or e-mail me with news of your activities, or you can post class notes via the online community at [www.bc.edu/alumni](http://www.bc.edu/alumni). I look forward to hearing from you. Have a great summer, and be sure to use plenty of sunscreen.

## NC 1971

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## 1972 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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There was a silver lining for me in the events surrounding Lewis "Scooter" Libby (Columbia Law '75) this winter. While no one from BC was in any way involved, the case reminded me that there are six members of our class who were his law school contemporaries. Among them are **Margaret Nagle**, who is a federal magistrate judge in Los Angeles and a former partner in the law firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer, and **Jack Kerr**, who is a partner in the New York firm of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett and a litigator. As noted in the Fall issue, two of Jack's partners, **Rich Garvey** and **Walt Looney**, are members of our class. The other Libby contemporaries are **Larry Ludwig**, who is a partner

in the firm of Kreder, Brooks, Hailstone & Ludwig in his native Scranton, PA; **Mike Devlin**, who is a partner in the firm of Berchem, Moses & Devlin in Milford, CT, and a former freshman basketball player; and **Bill Cagney**, who is a partner in the New Brunswick, NJ, law firm of Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf. • My first two visits with friends from BC this year were both, by coincidence, with graduates from the same high school, Xavier High of New York: **Ed Jantzen**, who is in the last year of his 31-year-long career with the US Justice Department, and **Rich Cardinali '73**, who was the manager of the BC baseball team I described in the last issue. Rich is a senior art buyer with the New York advertising agency J. Walter Thompson. He was one of the principals of the McHugh lunch/dinner table that was headquarters for BC



## THE PEOPLE'S SENATOR

In the early 1970s, at a time when his country was undergoing many social changes, Frederick E. Berry '72 was a young man swept up in the desire to do something good. "I wanted to join the Peace Corps, but options were limited because of my disability," says Berry. "How could people understand me in a little village in Africa when they couldn't understand me in a little village in Brookline?"

Berry, who was born with cerebral palsy, which impairs his speech and mobility, opted instead to join VISTA, the domestic version of the Peace Corps. He headed to Corpus Christi, Texas, to work with poor families. "Being with people who were fighting daily battles of poverty, I developed an earth-shattering new perspective on life to help the powerless, a perspective I still have today," explains Berry.

Two years later, Berry returned home to Peabody, a small town 20 miles north of Boston, with a new passion—politics as a vehicle to help others. In 1979, Berry made a bid for the Peabody City Council and won. "I won big," recalls Berry with a smile. "I surprised everyone." A few years later, Berry won a vacant state Senate seat.

Berry is now the longest tenured senator in Massachusetts; he was appointed Senate majority leader in 2003. Throughout his 25-year career in the Senate, Berry has championed the rights of the disadvantaged and invested in the future of children and public education. He played a key role in securing state bond money for a \$24.2 million building on the campus of North Shore Community College. The Frederick E. Berry Building will house health programs, a library, and special programs for students with learning disabilities. Berry also has set up children's trust funds in an effort to eradicate child abuse and has worked tirelessly to support groups that advocate for victims of domestic violence.



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"In politics, partisan differences sometimes require us to compromise," notes Berry. "My goal has always been to get things done."

sports fans in the early '70s. That group also included **Bill Bedard**, **Terry Budny**, **Bob Paige**, **Coleman Szely**, and me. • My condolences to the families of our classmates who have passed away recently: **Mary Ann McNiff**, a nurse who earned a master's degree in public health at the University of North Carolina, and **Stephen Grimes**, a project manager with Verizon who was responsible for telecommunications projects at events such as golf tournaments and political conventions. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit [www.bc.edu/classes/1972](http://www.bc.edu/classes/1972) or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

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Please pray for the following classmates who have passed away: **Elena De Las**, **Julie-Ann Sikora Mallonee**, and **Deirdre O'Callaghan**. Also, please keep in our prayers **Candia Curtin Barry's** aunt Carolyn Curtin, RSCJ, who passed away in January. • **Lisa Kirby Greissing** proudly announces that 2006 brought her two granddaughters, Emily and Maggie. • In December, Mary Pignatelli, formerly director of Newton's college press and a longtime Boston College employee, called to let me know about her retirement life outside Chicago near her daughters. Mary P. misses everyone. • Faine McMullen, RSCJ, formerly a political science professor at Newton, and her sister Grail McMullen, RSCJ, are now together at Teresian House in Albany. • At the Boston College reception held at the Jordanian embassy in December, I met Fran Dubrowski NC '70 and her husband, David, and saw Dolores Seeman Royston NC '59. • To watch the awards ceremony in which **Kathy Coakley Barrie** received her

Alumni Award of Excellence, please go to [www.bc.edu/friends/alumni/awards\\_winners.html](http://www.bc.edu/friends/alumni/awards_winners.html). • Please advise the Boston College Alumni Office of any address changes, particularly e-mail addresses.

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Classmates, I have decided to step down as the correspondent for the Class of 1973. My life seems to be getting even busier as I get older. My husband, Rob, and I will be celebrating two graduations this spring, as our daughter Jane graduates from college in May (University of Miami, with a degree in marine science/biology) and our youngest daughter, Gail, graduates from high school in June. Our daughter Tess is married and



has a beautiful toddler, Arielle Joy. Our son Will is also married. He is an endocrinology fellow at LA County Hospital. Rob and I are volunteer indoor cycling instructors at the local YMCA. We also practice law together in our spare time (ha ha!). Thank you to each and every one of you who send in class notes over the years. Our classmate **Pat DiPillo** has volunteered to take over responsibility for class notes. Pat can be reached at [perseus813@aol.com](mailto:perseus813@aol.com). All the best!

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Hi, everyone! I hope you are well. • I received a note from proud parent **Chuck Lanzieri**. His daughter Christine is graduating from BC this May, and his son Charlie will continue the tradition as a member of CSOM's Class of 2011! Congratulations! • **Jim Thomas-Melly** retired from teaching several years ago and is working as a high-school guidance counselor for the Middletown Board of Education. Jim and his wife live in Newington, CT. Their daughter is graduating from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, and their son is a sophomore at UConn. Many of us remember Jim running track and cross country "back in the day," and now he's looking forward to vacationing

columnist whose work focuses on the economy, affirmative action, social status and class, women's rights, and the American educational system. Julianne's writings appear regularly in *USA Today*, *Black Issues in Higher Education*, *Ms. magazine*, *Essence*, and *The Progressive*. She is the coauthor of the book *Unfinished Business: A Democrat and a Republican Take on the 10 Most Important Issues Women Face*, and she coedited the anthology *The Paradox of Loyalty: An African American Response to the War on Terrorism*. • Thanks for the news. By the time you read this, our daughter Andrea will be our third child to graduate from BC. Where did these years go? Best wishes to all the grads and their parents!

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Hi, everyone. • Laetare Sunday Mass was well attended by alumni who enjoyed a spiritually uplifting Mass and homily accompanied by the beautiful music sung by the choir and soloists. Mike and

the youthful Mary Rose and Mike Delaney will become grandparents in July! We had the pleasure of meeting Vincent and Joanie's beautiful daughter Kerry, who will be graduating from the BC School of Nursing this year. Son Timothy graduated from BC in 2006, and their youngest son, Michael, is in the Class of 2010. Vincent is currently serving on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. • Congratulations to **Mary E. Kane** on her professional success. She was ranked second in *Institutional Investor's* All-American Fixed Income Research Team poll in the consumer asset-backed securities category. This is a survey that *Institutional Investor* magazine conducts annually among large money managers in the United States in various fixed income categories. Mary has held the position of securities analyst at Citigroup Global Markets for the past six years. This past winter she enjoyed an annual Christmas luncheon and shopping get-together with **Candy Kelley McLaughlin**, **Sally Hanke Lynch**, **Scottie Reid**, and **Nancy O'Connor McCleary**. • **Blake J. Godbout** and his wife, **Paula J. DeGiacomo**, have been practicing law for the last 26-plus years and reside in Winchester. After working for several law firms, Blake started his own firm on Broad Street in Boston 26 years ago. His wife is a senior shareholder at the Miami-based law firm of **Greenberg Traurig**. Over the past five years, Blake has been spending more time at Boston College with his niece, **Christine Blake Godbout '06**. His main BC involvement this past year has been his role as patron of the **McMullen Museum of Art**, a fantastic jewel of the University. He strongly urges all classmates to join the museum as members and informs us that the fall 2007 exhibit is going to be a true showstopper. This is one aspect of Boston College that should make everyone truly proud and reflects the phenomenal growth of the University. • Take care and have a fabulous summer!

## NC 1975

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I was happy to hear from **Beth Walsh Alexander**, who wrote: "I don't have exciting news but love hearing about

**My life seems to be getting even busier as I get older. Rob and I are volunteer indoor cycling instructors at the local YMCA. We also practice law together in our spare time (ha ha!).**

by the water in Charlestown, RI. • **Julianne Malveaux** MA '76 is president and CEO of Last Word Productions, a DC-based multimedia production company. After receiving her bachelor's and master's degrees at BC, she went on to MIT to earn her doctorate in economics. She is a writer and syndicated

**Mary Rose Delaney**, **Joanie and Vincent Quealy**, **Kathie Cantwell McCarthy**, and yours truly had an opportunity to chat and reconnect over a lovely brunch and listen to our new head football coach, **Jeff Jagodzinski**, speak on the importance of faith and family. It is hard to believe

everyone else. I am doing construction on the house I moved into last year, which at least gives me an excuse to eat out without feeling guilty! I have not worked in about a year and am trying to decide if I should 'retire' (go part time?). I guess people do retire, so why not me? Volunteer work with Hospice of the North Shore and a local literacy program for kids keeps me busy, and I am not bored, so what the heck?" • Guess who surfaced? **Barbara Catalane Farrell!** She writes, "I have relocated this year to southwest Florida, where I work as a banking officer for First Florida Bank. I have two daughters, Katherine (Providence College '07, heading for law school) and Allison, who will be a high-school sophomore in the fall. We are all well and happy. I can't believe how fast the time has gone." • An e-mail from a nice husband, Joe Ailinger, shares this note: Mellon Financial's **Joanne Jaxtmer** received the Pinicale Award from the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. But, of course, Joanne is from the Cape, so who would expect any less? Please see the Website for full details. • Sweet **Karen Foley Freeman** is working with the Alumni Association to organize a Newton tea for alumnae living in Fairfield County, CT. We have a successful tea in the DC area each spring, so I wish her luck. Actually, I had news from **Kathy Raidt** that she will be out of the country this year and will miss the DC tea. • From our "archives," an e-mail from Barbara "Duck" Drake Glass with her update and that of Susie McNamara Woods. I've put her whole letter online. • Our newest grandmother is **Louise Paul Morin**, whose "grandb    " arrived a couple of weeks ago. • **Pam McNaughton D'Ambrosio** is settling into her new home in Arlington, VA. It was not a long-distance move, but one she had very much anticipated. I can't thank her enough for all the laughs and bubble wrapping she's supplied me as I approach my move to Chatham. • **Pat Coppola McCormack** is the new vice chair of the Membership Committee of the Council for Women of Boston College. The council is dedicated to furthering the role of alumnae as leaders and active participants in the University. • Congratulations to all of you with graduates, weddings, and anniversaries this season. Note my new address, and give me a call when you are on the Cape. When I change my e-mail, I'll let you know. Remember to pray for peace every day.

## 1976

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As we were going to press, **Paul X. Hayes** and wife Valerie were gearing up for the weddings of son Michael and daughter Meaghan, scheduled for March and June, respectively. Katie is in high school, so no empty nest syndrome for a while at the pecan plantation down in Fort Valley, GA. • The Reunion Committee appreciated all your kind words. **Bob McAuliffe** wrote to thank the committee for a job well done. Members of the committee met socially, at the behest of **Ken Brine**, in early February to mull over that memorable weekend in order to make the 35th even more successful. **Steve** and **Chris McManama** couldn't attend, but for a most glorious reason: their first grandchild, Caroline Demers McManama, was born on Super Bowl Sunday in Connecticut. Congratulations to them and to the proud parents! • **Phil Elum** continues with his Massillon, OH, music business, which specializes in upscale jukeboxes and music centers. Not too long ago, he rendezvoused in New York City with **Chris Joyce** and the latter's wife, Paula (their son attends NYU), as well as Patti Papa, wife of the dear departed **Eddie Papa**. One of Eddie and Patti's daughters is matriculating at BC, where a serene and lovely memorial to her dad and other BC victims of 9/11 is now a must-see site on campus. • **Mary J. Steele Guilfoile** chairs the program BC Connections, a mentoring program that pairs alumnae with current undergraduates. The program held its ninth convocation in February. • Well, here's hoping you'll all find some time to drop a line. My e-mail address is genuine, you know! God bless, and have a healthy and happy summer!

## 1977 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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After 23 wonderfully fulfilling years in high-tech marketing and sales with Intel Corporation, **Paul Sullivan**, who was a history major in the School of Education, has decided to embark on a one- to two-year sabbatical to spend more quality time with

his family, relax, and rejuvenate himself (with a lot of skiing and hiking). Last summer his family took quite a historic trip as they traveled throughout Italy—to Rome, Florence, Venice, and Italy—and then on to Dubrovnik, Croatia. In February, Paul and his wife, Laine MEd '78, impatient with the New England snow forecasts, decided to find deep powder in Beaver Creek, CO. This July will mark their 28th wedding anniversary. The Sullivans have two grown sons. Brendan, who graduated from Middlebury College in 2004, is now an investment research banker at Lehman Brothers in New York City. Conor is a freshman at Bates College in Maine. Later in 2007, Paul will start planning for the next phase of his career, which will most likely focus on sales or marketing management. • Best regards to everyone and happy spring! • Please open your wallets for our Class of '77 fund drive! We need everyone to support the fund drive efforts. • May all good things find the path to your door. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit [www.bc.edu/classes/1977](http://www.bc.edu/classes/1977) or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

## 1978

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Right off the bat, I wanted to make a quick apology to **Erin Murphy**, who had sent me the information for the winter issue's scoop on **Ernie** and **Toni Mintel's** 50th birthday party bash. I forgot to mention her. Sorry! • I heard from **Tim Stack** that he enjoyed seeing his mention in the last column, so I thought I'd include his name one more time. • I also heard from my buddy **Jack Stapleton**, who is still quite young at heart. He and I missed each other skiing in Jackson Hole by just one week. Jack, it would have been awesome to see you! Jack's daughter Liz called him recently from BC while hosting a "housing lottery" party. Liz will be in Mod 22B next year. "Yikes! I am not sure I like this. I'm glad for her, but sad for Dad!" said Jack. • In our household, we're crossing our fingers that Blake, my oldest child and US marine, will be winding down his third deployment any day now. I think I would give anything for him to be in a Mod right now. • Happy spring! Just one more year until our 30th!



# 1979

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Thanks to the women of Mod 11-A for sharing sketches of their personal and professional lives. • **Ellen Kermond Fador** and husband Bruce '78 have lived in Winchester for many years and have raised three terrific kids. John graduated from Bates in 2003 and works in sales for the New England Patriots, Marianna '06 teaches elementary school in Boston, and Caroline is a freshman at Winchester High. Ellen recently launched an interior design business, Spectacular Spaces. Bruce works for a company called TheStreet.com. • **Robin Schelzi Miller** and her family are 20-year residents of Andover. She and husband Bill have four children. Matthew is a junior at Providence College, Stephanie is a sophomore at Fairfield University, and Luke and James attend St. John's Prep. Robin is a veteran hockey mom and works at a speech pathology practice several days a week. Bill is a manufacturing engineer. • **Nancy Owens Bryan** left Weston after 10 years for Shelburne, VT. She and husband Alex built a home on an 11-acre parcel and consequently own a tractor. The Bryans have four children: Brittany, a sophomore in the BC honors program; Meagan, a high-school senior applying to BC's School of Nursing; Nick, a high-school junior, and Tim, an eighth grader. Nancy volunteers at Burlington Hospital in the host apartment for families with critically ill children. Alex is in investment sales for UBS. • **Bob and Mary Thompson Barrows** have lived in Danvers for 25 years. Bob is chief financial officer of D.L. Saunders Real Estate, and Mary is director of the Learning Disabilities Program at Northeastern University. They have four children. Courtney '06, who majored in biology, works at Children's Hospital Boston doing cancer research and has applied to medical school; Scott, a junior at Manhattan College, is enjoying government studies and is doing an internship with a New York assemblyman; Katie is a freshman at Northeastern; and Christina is a junior at Danvers High. • Mary connected me with her good friend **Janet Harvey Rogers** (Mod 41-A). Janet and husband Mike have lived in Topsfield since they were married in 1985. They have three sons: Matt, a senior at St. John's Prep; Danny, a sophomore at Pingree; and Brian, an eighth grader at Brookwood. Mike is

president of Investors Bank & Trust. Janet has gotten together almost every year with classmates Meredith Owen, Kathy McInnis, Maureen McCadden, and Lynn Duffy. They usually meet in the spring, and this year's destination is Florida. This group maintains lifelong connections that began in college. Perhaps they will consider being included in the next installment of notes from the Class of 1979. I'll keep my fingers crossed.

# 1980

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I hope everyone who has visited my Website ([www.mac.com/jtcddm](http://www.mac.com/jtcddm)) with pictures from our college years is enjoying it. If you haven't visited yet, what are you waiting for? I would like to thank my old roommate, Rick Fiset, for being the first contributor to the site. I look forward to receiving additional photos. • It was great to hear from **Janice Kasparian Metjian**, who lives in Watertown with her husband and three daughters. The eldest daughter is a sophomore at Simmons College, the middle is a junior in high school, and the youngest is 12. Janice stays in touch with **Carolyn Donahue** and **Mary O'Friel**, both of whom are doing well. They get together and remember old times over dinner at Legal's in Chestnut Hill, where everything seems so familiar. Janice is excited about re-entering the working world at Mount Auburn Hospital, where she is a medical technologist in the microbiology department. It's nice to see that biology degree being put to good use. • Congratulations are in order for **John O'Neill**, who was recently named vice pres-

ident of sports sales and marketing for DIRECTV. I would like to take this time to remind Mr. O'Neill that the concert party was held at Philomatheia Hall, late in our senior year. I got an e-mail from **Mike Dillon** telling me that neither of them has any recollection of the event. Mike also informed me that his daughter, currently following in Dad's footsteps at the Heights, enjoyed the pictures on the Website of her

# 1981

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**Joe Harkins** is the executive managing director for the real estate firm of Grubb & Ellis. Joe is a member of the New York management team and focuses on Lower Manhattan. • **Jim Iuliano** is the chief executive officer of Azimuth Systems, Inc. in Acton, and was recently appointed chairman of the board of Nysa Membrane Technologies, Inc. Previously, Jim was an entrepreneur in residence at North Bridge Venture Partners in Waltham. He currently serves on the boards of Essen Instruments of Ann Arbor, MI, Pixtronix Corporation of Andover, and Aushon BioSystems of Burlington. Jim received his MBA from Harvard Business School. • **Michael Gavin** is a security strategist for Security Innovation, an independent provider of risk assessment, risk mitigation, and training services. Michael is part of the management team and works directly with clients to develop customized risk defense and mitigation solutions. Prior to joining Security Innovation, Michael was a senior analyst with Forrester Research. He holds an ScM in computer science from Brown University. • **Martha Ries** is vice president of ethics and business conduct at Boeing. Martha previously worked for the US Department of Justice in DC and then entered private practice with a large Seattle

**I am confident he informed her of how hard he worked in the days leading up to the party in order to have some free time to enjoy with his friends.**

law firm, where she focused on litigation and international regulatory work. She joined Boeing in Seattle in 1997. Now based in Chicago, Martha assumed leadership of Boeing's ethics programs in March 2004. She was recently appointed chair of the Ethics Resource Center's Fellows Program. The center is a private, nonprofit organization devoted to independent research and the advancement of high ethical standards

and practices in public and private institutions. • **Diane Coletti** is the new vice chair of the Initiatives Committee of the Council for Women of Boston College. **Meg McGrory Kelleher** is the new vice chair of the council's Communications and Marketing Committee. The council is dedicated to furthering the role of alumnae as leaders and active participants in the University.

## 1982 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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**John McCafferty** is working in management at Cisco Systems in Boxborough. He lives in Chelmsford with his wife of 16 years, **Josie DeGuglielmo**, and their three children: **Joseph** (14), **Christopher** (12), and **Alexandra** (10). **Joey**, a freshman at St. John's Prep, played quarterback on the freshman football team last fall and ran winter track. **Chris** and **Alex** are in middle school. **John's** dad taught in the English department at BC for many years. • Congratulations to **Jeannie Dresch**, the new vice president of Princeton-based **Garibaldi, Morford & Dodds**. She will specialize in tenant representation and office leasing. Previously, **Jeannie** was vice president of **Prudential Financial** and a management consultant for **Deloitte & Touche**. • **Diane (Johnson) Green** is a new member

in industry. **Reina** lives in Ireland with her three sons: **Garret**, **Jason**, and **Ethan**. **Reina** is a soccer coach for boys from 7 to 18 years old and just received her master's degree in education from **Trinity College, Dublin**. Last summer **Carole** met up with **Henry Acquafresca** and **Dominic Di Mascia** and their families. They had some good laughs over some old pictures from the BC days and hope to see everyone again at the reunion. • **Bill '81** and **Michelle (Provost) Gelnow** are living in Lexington and have three sons. Their two oldest boys are currently students at BC. • Last fall **Fran (Cipriano) Newton** had a small reunion of five of the six roommates who lived in **Hillsides C-23** junior year. **Yvonne Sandi Racine**, **Julie (McCarthy) Landry**, **Marie (McIntyre) Tracy**, **Marie (Fiascone) Gerardo**, and **Fran** spent the weekend laughing and reminiscing. On Saturday, **Karen (Oberg) Mosher** drove in to spend the day. Last summer **Fran** attended the baptism of the newest addition to **Ken** and **Stephanie (Moalli) Gosselin's** family, **Maia**. Other guests included **Yvonne** and her husband, **Leo '81**, and **Maureen (Randall) Kearnan**. **Stephanie** and **Ken** have three other children: two in college and one in high school! **Fran** has three children, aged 17, 16, and 10. Her oldest is going through the college application process. BC is one of the schools she is applying to. • **Brian Cummins** wrote that he is being recalled out of retirement and will serve again in the Army for a 12- to 18-month duration. He'll be heading to Kuwait to help train the Iraqi army. His

**Susan Kurker Wholihan** recently moved back to the Boston area (Concord) after living with her husband, **Ed**, and their three sons in Chicago, Stockholm, and Portland, OR. She would love to hear from BC pals and to find out who will be in town for the reunion. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit [www.bc.edu/classes/1982](http://www.bc.edu/classes/1982) or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

## 1983

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Happy spring! • **John H. O'Neil Jr.**, an attorney who lives in Kennebunk, ME, was nominated for a district court judgeship. **John**, a partner at **Smith, Elliott, Smith & Garmey** in Portland and Saco, ME, since 1991, has served as an assistant district attorney in York County. • **Joseph Piantedosi Jr.** was inducted into the National Restaurant Association Hall of Fame in November, the youngest member ever to receive this honor. He is the owner and executive vice president of **Piantedosi Baking Company, Inc.** • The Pepsi Bottling Group has elected **Victor L. Crawford** senior vice president of worldwide operations. **Victor** will oversee PBG's global manufacturing and logistics and supply chain strategy. • **Susan LaMonica Pash** is a new member of the Council for Women of Boston College. The council is dedicated to furthering the role of alumnae as leaders and active participants in the University. • Congratulations to all!

## Joseph Piantedosi Jr. was inducted into the National Restaurant Association Hall of Fame in November, the youngest member ever to receive this honor. He is the owner and executive vice president of Piantedosi Baking Company, Inc.

of the Council for Women of Boston College. • **Carole Pendleton** is living in Sudbury with husband **Dave** and their son, **Joey** (4-1/2). She works as the director of operational efficiency at **Juniper Networks**. **Tessie (Cabrera) Vare**, **Reina (Benitez) Flower**, **Stephanie (Walser) Robert**, and **Carole** have stayed in touch all these years. They're all hoping to go to the 25th reunion! They're still trying to reach **Stephanie**, who lives in California. **Tessie** lives in Houston and has been working 20-plus years in the malpractice insurance

wife, **Patty '81**, is taking it all in stride. **Brian's** middle daughter, **Erin**, was accepted to BC, where her sister **Maureen** is currently a junior. **Brian**, our class wishes you the best as you head overseas. • Congratulations to **Kathy Kasper**, who has joined the Institutional Group of **Eaton Vance Management** in Boston. **Kathy** is vice president and senior relationship manager, responsible for all aspects of institutional client relationships. She is also busy with reunion planning and reminds everyone that our 25th Reunion Weekend is June 1-3. •

## 1984

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Greetings! Here's the latest news from classmates. • **Stephanie Chisholm** is working full-time in residential and commercial real estate brokerage with **Coldwell Banker**. She has been in the business for 20 years. **Stephanie** and her husband have nine children: **James** (19), **Sean** (17), **Marie** (15), **Genevieve** (12), **Michael** (10), **Clair** (9), **Julianne** (7), **Thomas** (5), and **Grace Noelle** (1). She and her husband hope at least one will attend BC someday. • Last October



## MIAMI VIRTUE

As early as her freshman year in Boston College's Lynch School of Education, Claudia de la Cruz '85, a native of Colombia, knew she had found her life's calling—helping disadvantaged children. In 1981, she began volunteering at BC's Campus School for children with multiple disabilities, an experience she looks back on as "life-altering."

De la Cruz is now the president of the board of directors of the Centro Mater Foundation, a Miami-based nonprofit organization that provides day-care services, as well as nutritional and educational assistance, to children in need. Soon after moving to Miami in 1990, de la Cruz got involved with Centro Mater, an organization started by Cuban mothers in Florida, as a way to help an immigrant population with whom she identified.

Centro Mater currently operates two centers that serve approximately 1,000 children in the Miami area. Yet Centro Mater is more than a day-care center, according to de la Cruz—it's an oasis for families and a key resource in times of trouble. "We really care about the well-being of whole families," says de la Cruz.

When a single mother of four children lost her home to a fire, Centro Mater stepped in to help. "Our program was one of the few resources available to this mother. We helped her find a



De la Cruz's love of working with children took root while volunteering at BC's Campus School.

home, and we provided care for her children," says de la Cruz.

De la Cruz's primary role with Centro Mater is in fundraising. In the past two-and-a-half years, she has helped raise \$2 million to open two new centers in low-income areas that will serve an additional 300 children.

In addition to supporting the community in Miami, de la Cruz has recently begun giving back to the place that first inspired her interest in working with children. In 2006, she renewed formal ties with her alma mater by accepting a position on the new board of directors for the Alumni Association.

Carol Engelhardt married Tom Herringer; she and Tom lived a mile apart and met in church. Karen Pellegrino, Donna Hansberry, Tim and Mary (Cobb) Gothers, and Tami and Bob Fries were among the guests who made the trip to Ohio. The celebrant was Fr. John LaRocca, a Jesuit from Xavier University. Carol, an associate professor at Wright State University specializing in modern English history, has been living in Dayton since 1999. She frequently travels to London to do research, often staying with Carla (DeRobbio) Franke, who has been living there for 14 years. Carla and her husband, Ingo, they have three children: Yana, Esther, and Paul. Karen Pellegrino is the director of admissions at Fairfield University. Donna Hansberry is an attorney with the IRS in Washington, DC. Mary Gothers is teaching high-school gym in Connecticut. Bob and Tami Fries are both in international development and are always

off to remote places. • In April 2006, Mary Beth Bresch White hosted a weekend reunion with former roommates from Cheverus Hall in freshman year, new dorm roommates from sophomore and junior years, and Hillside's roommates in senior year. Eight former roommates arrived Friday night at Mary Beth's home in Annapolis, MD; they toured downtown Annapolis, dined at the Annapolis Yacht Club, and shared pictures and memories. Traveling farthest was Claire (Doherty) Olgren, who came from Michigan. Claire and husband Mike have a son and a daughter. Julie (Muldoon) Ralph came from Syracuse, NY. Julie and husband John have two sons. Ann (Malonis) Maher came from Littleton. She and husband Brian have a son and a daughter. Cathy (Malapanis) Farrell and husband Paul have two sons and a daughter. Kim (Petelle) Butz came from Rhode Island. Kim and husband Joe have a two-year-old

son. Marcia (Cappacci) Zwiesler came from Connecticut. Marcia and husband Tom have a son and a daughter. Mary Tynes came from Gaithersburg, MD. She and husband Ben have a son and a daughter. Mary Beth and her husband, Chris, have three daughters. • Thanks for the updates; please keep them coming. Happy summer!

## 1985

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Hello to the Class of 1985. I am sad to report that I have very little news this quarter. My inbox is empty, so please send me a little "news." I even went to Google and typed in our class to see if anyone popped



up with a story, but no luck, so I bring you only one update this quarter. • **Sharon A. Trahan** is the dental director for Altus Dental, one of southern New England's fastest-growing dental insurers. She serves as the key spokesperson to the professional dental community and provides clinical expertise and oversight for the insurer's programs. Sharon graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine and since 1993 has been partner and owner of Attleboro Falls Family Dentistry in Attleboro Falls. • Please go to the BC Alumni Website to check out more about alumni events and to see if your local chapter has activities that you might want to participate in. Also, please send me some news!

## 1986

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There were no submissions for class notes this quarter! Please write soon with info for the next edition of the magazine!

## 1987 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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I hope you're all well and had a great time at Reunion Weekend. • I heard from **Stephen Hildreth**, who wrote that his BC roommate, Peter Wasmer, lives in nearby Easton, CT, and that they get together fairly frequently, whether it's catching an Allman Brothers show at the Beacon in New York City or pulling their families together for summer barbecues. Pete and his wife, Kathleen, have three children: Lydia (11), Sophie (9), and Pierce (5). Stephen lives in Darien, CT, with wife Nancy and their four children: Christopher (11), Grace (10), Owen (8), and Dennis (6). Stephen currently teaches humanities at The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, NY. • **Bob Checkosky** and his wife, Diane, welcomed their third daughter, Grace, who was born in July. She joins big sisters Sarah (10) and Olivia (5). They continue to live in Denver, where Bob works as a regional vice president for Travelers Insurance. • **Michael Quentin Williams** is now chairman and chief executive officer of Butler Lappert &

Williams PC, a full-service New York City law firm specializing in the sports and entertainment industry. His firm represents prominent sports and entertainment figures in business and litigation matters. • **Lance J. Nelson**, managing partner at MacElree Harvey in West Chester, PA, was elected secretary of the Chester County Bar Association. Lance, who graduated from the Villanova School of Law, practices commercial litigation and family law. He was admitted to the Delaware and Pennsylvania bars in 1991 and has been a member of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board's Hearing Committee since 2001. He served on several committees for the Chester County Bar Association as well as on the Presidential Scholarship Steering Committee for West Chester University.

**She and her husband, Gerald, recently welcomed their third son, whose arrival will be airing on an upcoming episode of TLC's *A Baby Story*. Their sons' names are Noah, Jeremiah, and Caleb.**

• Beverly and Addison Gilbert hospitals recently announced that **Anne Fryer** is the new director of nursing practice, education, and research. She most recently worked in a consultant role at Lowell General Hospital. • Thanks to those who took time to write! • To contribute to our class gift, please visit [www.bc.edu/classes/1987](http://www.bc.edu/classes/1987) or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

## 1988

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**Timothy Quinlivan** has been named a shareholder in the Buffalo, NY, law firm of Colucci & Gallaher, PC. Tim earned his JD in 1991 from Albany Law School and a master's degree in health law from the DePaul University College of Law in 1997. A resident of Hamburg, NY, Tim focuses on providing counsel to an academic medical center and a level 1 trauma center. • Could it be that the rest of us are still getting over our 40th birthday parties, or are we just resting up for next year's big two-oh reunion? Please send updates for publication.

## 1989

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Classmates! I hope you enjoyed the surge of updates from classmates last quarter (submissions most likely blended in with all of the end-of-year activities). Please send along your updates—long or short—via e-mail or the BC Online Community, which is also a great way to find e-mail addresses and contact information for long-lost classmates. Again, you can register at: [www.bc.edu/friends/alumni/community.html](http://www.bc.edu/friends/alumni/community.html). Cheers! • **Flo Mitchell-Brown** (talk4moola@nyc.rr.com) has been living and working in New

York City since graduation. She and her husband, Gerald, recently welcomed their third son, whose arrival will be airing on an upcoming episode of TLC's *A Baby Story*. Their sons' names are Noah, Jeremiah, and Caleb. • **Joe Peters** (joe@joepete.com) has been thoroughly enjoying parenthood with wife Courtney, MEd '99. Their son Burke turns three this fall. He can also confirm for whoever (**Sue Gelnaw?**) sold him a ticket to U2 sophomore spring that, 20 years later, he in fact remembers the concert much better than the final he had the next day. Joe's postcollege career experience has been broad. He has worked in journalism and is now an information security professional—English majors can talk themselves into anything. For anyone looking to support a good cause, Joe will be riding the Pan-Mass Challenge again this year. (English majors can also be shameless.) • **Rob Wondolowski** (wondozus@yahoo.com) currently lives in Jersey City with his wife, Veronica, and their two children, Nick and Natalie. He is a partner in a real estate development company, Perfect Circle LLC. In September 2006, Rob was elected to the boards of directors of the Hudson County Community College Foundation and the Hudson County Child Abuse Prevention Network. Please contact Rob if you have any questions about prevention, counseling, and programs for protecting children. • **Susan Heidere** is a new



## GLOBAL PROGRESS

"It was a mess," says Neil McCullagh '91 as he recalls his first look at post-war Kosovo. "I arrived in 2002 well after the conflict, but the damage was still palpable. Thousands of homes were demolished, buildings were gutted, people's lives were unraveled." As an employee of an international nongovernmental organization based in Dublin, Ireland, McCullagh was part of a team charged with rebuilding houses. For the next two years, he managed a project to build nearly 400 homes.

McCullagh's interest in international affairs arose from his senior year at BC, when he traveled to Haiti on a service trip with other classmates. Much to his surprise, the trip coincided with a coup d'état in January 1991, following the election of Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Witnessing firsthand the effects of poverty and weak democratic systems made a lasting impression. "After seeing the poverty and the turmoil and what little was being done, I became interested in international development," he says.

But McCullagh didn't heed the call to work internationally right away. After graduation, he served in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, worked in the travel industry, earned his MBA from Boston University, and then got a job in the technology sector. "I just wasn't happy in the tech sector," reflects McCullagh. "I knew I wanted to apply my skills and experience to something that could benefit people around the world."

McCullagh is now stationed in Azerbaijan, a former Soviet republic tucked between Russia and Iran, where he serves as country director for CHF International, which runs a civil society program for the US Agency for International Development.



McCullagh is currently stationed in Azerbaijan, where he helps strengthen the country's democratic institutions.

Among his efforts, he works with 90 communities across the country to increase citizen participation, increase collaboration between citizens and local governments, and create local economic development opportunities. "By modeling democracy in our communities we help people learn the basic skills needed for democracy—accountability, transparency, participation. It's really about teaching people to be citizens," he notes.

member of the Council for Women of Boston College. The council is dedicated to furthering the role of alumnae as leaders and active participants in the University.

- **Sally M. Driscoll** recently co-chaired the council's successful Eagle to Eagle Career Night, bringing together current student athletes with alumnae athletes.

## 1990

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**Christy Schwarz Schultze** announces the arrival of her fourth child with husband George. Walter Johannes was born on October 23, 2006, and is handling quite well the whirlwind of a small house with three busy, older siblings: Annabelle (6), Julia (4), and Hugo (2). Christy had the pleasure of running into classmate **Mike O'Leary** recently—their two-year-olds attend the same play school in Rye, NY! • **Frank Doogan** and wife Colleen now have two children: Their son, Conor Dougherty, was

born in April 2005, and their daughter, Abigail Grace, was born in November 2006. Frank sends best wishes to all members of the Class of 1990.

## 1991

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It is with sadness that I announce the passing of two of our classmates. **Ann T. Pilcher** of Chelsea died on November 9, 2006, and **Keith A. McClanan** of Marlborough, CT, died on January 10. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families. • **Ann M. Pfeiffer** has joined the Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough Health Care Team to assist health care clients with Medicare compliance matters. Ann earned an associate's degree in applied science, magna cum laude, from Maria College in 1996 and a master's degree in nursing from Georgia State University in Atlanta. • **Timothy R. Morse** has been named Altera's chief financial officer and senior vice president. A

15-year veteran of the General Electric Company, Timothy worked in a variety of positions at GE Plastics, GE Appliances, and GE Capital, serving most recently as chief financial officer and general manager of business development for GE Plastics. • The National Stock Exchange, Inc. announced the appointment of **Michael B. Traynor** as chief strategy officer. He will be responsible for strategic planning and product development. Most recently, Mike was a founding partner of MindCapital Group, LP, which provided strategic consulting services to NSX and to several other financial services clients. • Enterprise Community Investment, Inc. announced the appointment of **Doug Able** to senior vice president, Capital Markets. Doug holds a master's degree in management from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management and has nearly 15 years of corporate finance and investment management expertise. • **Amy (Lennon) Ribao** and her husband, Darryl, welcomed their first child, Cecilia Mae, on August 13, 2006. Darryl and Amy were married on June 12, 2004, and currently live in Medway. • The board of trustees of Maple Street School in Manchester, VT, announced the appointment of **Fran Bisselle** as head of

school. Fran is currently working at the Northwood School in Lake Placid, NY, as a college counselor and teacher. • **Juliana (Johnson) LaRue** and husband Patrick joyfully announce the birth of their son, Bryce Patrick, on October 17, 2006. Proud big sister Lauren is two years old. • **Daniel Fennell** was recently promoted to lieutenant colonel, USMC, with 15 years of service. He is the operations officer (S-3) for his air group (MACG-18). He has returned to Iraq

marathon, the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, DC, finishing in the top 20 percent. • **John O'Connor**, wife Amy, and son Finn welcomed Cecilia Hubbard into their lives on October 30, 2006. • **Mike Shoule** and wife Esra welcomed their first child, Nathaniel Michael, on January 10. They are doing great and were looking forward to taking Nathaniel to Istanbul in mid-March to meet the other half of the family. Mike works for a customhouse brokerage and

**He has appeared on television several times as a legal commentator on various high-profile trials, and has been quoted on radio and television regarding high-impact cases he has handled.**

and will be there until January 2008. His wife, Carol, and son Thomas Patrick (1) remain at the Marine Corps Air Station in New Bern, NC.

## 1992 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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**Stephanie Evans** married Chris Greene on October 28, 2006, in Boston. Many classmates attended the wedding, including maid/matrons of honor **Roseann Sheehan**, **Helen (Donnelly) Marrone**, **Colleen (Corron) O'Brien**, and **Tricia Pelnik-Fecko**. Other Class of '92ers included **Tim and Cheryl Thomas**, **Betsy (Nyman) Bruns**, **Lisa (Ostapko) Stone**, **Lisa (Olsta) Robinson**, **Mike Sullivan**, **Kevin McCarthy**, **Gerald and Melanie Graceffo**, and **Todd Mannix**. Everyone is looking forward to getting together again at the 15th reunion! • **Shannon (Kilkenny) Holland** and husband Chris welcomed their third child, a girl, Riley, in July 2006. She joins big brothers Michael and Timmy. The family recently moved to Madison, NJ, and Shannon works in pediatric oncology as a nurse practitioner in Morristown. • **Stephen Calabro** and wife Leslie currently live in Blue Bell (a suburb of Philadelphia) with their three children: Annie (6), Robbie (5), and Stephen (2). Stephen works for Johnson & Johnson's biopharmaceutical company, Centocor, as a principal research scientist in dermatology. In his "spare" time, he likes to run. This past October, Stephen competed in his first

foreign freight forwarding firm in New York City. • **Rebecca (Hays) Ethier** and her husband, Jim, welcomed their second child, Nicholas David, in January. Nicholas joins big sister Madeline Elizabeth, who was born in May 2005. Rebecca is a vice president of contracts development and negotiation for Fidelity Employer Services Company in Marlborough. Rebecca and her family reside in Leominster. Rebecca is a Double Eagle, having graduated from BC Law in 1995. • **Bill Stefanowicz** participated in the second annual BC Alumni Association El Salvador immersion trip. He recommends this weeklong learning experience to all BC alumni, their relatives, and friends. You can contact him at stefanowicz@hotmail.com for details. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit [www.bc.edu/classes/1992](http://www.bc.edu/classes/1992) or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

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## 1994

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Greetings to the Class of 1994. I hope everyone is doing well. Things were a little quiet over the past few months. I know there are new jobs, promotions, marriages, and lots of new babies out there. Please send me a short e-mail when you have a chance. Here are the latest notes. • **Roger McAvoy** and his wife, Gina, moved to Hong Kong in August 2006 so that Roger could be closer to his company's headquarters and cut back on his travel from Singapore to Hong Kong. It sounds like he is having an exciting time in Hong Kong, taking advantage of the cooler climate, and doing some hiking and other outdoor activities. • **Josh Gottsegen** is a second-year cardiology fellow at the Lenox Hill Heart and Vascular Institute in Manhattan. Lenox Hill is affiliated with the NYU School of Medicine. He lives with his wife and daughter in New York City. • **Fernando Pinguelo JD '97** was recently named a member of the firm Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, PA, in Somerville, NJ. Fernando, a resident of Colts Neck, practices in the areas of civil litigation and appellate law, specializing in complex commercial litigation and labor and employment matters in both federal and state courts. He regularly counsels and negotiates contracts for television personalities, including Emmy Award-winning talent. Fernando has published several articles on issues such as contracts, entertainment, the environment, legal education, and the practice of law. He has appeared on television several times as a legal commentator on various high-profile trials, and has been quoted in many newspapers and magazines as well as on radio and television regarding high-impact cases he has handled. Fernando is an adjunct professor of law at Seton Hall Law School. • Thanks again for the notes, and stay well.

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**Megan (Storz) Pagliaro** and husband John JD '96 welcomed a baby boy, Max Michael, on February 12. Max's aunt and uncle are Erik '98 and Courtney (Murray) Storz '97. • On June 14, 2006, **Erin (Purcell) Gallo** and husband Marcello had identical twin boys, Finn Francesco and Liam Patrick. "The first six months with twins are insane," she says. • **Vydas and Christine (Vivo) Marijosius** welcomed son Ethan Lukas on July 4, 2006. • **Shenan (Wajda) Pelligrini** and husband Paul had a baby girl, Cae Marie, on September 27, 2006. • In January, **Stalin Colinet** and wife Kylon had a son, Joaquin Steel. Joaquin joins big sister Abryanna. • Also, word on the street is that I haven't yet mentioned Nick and Amy (Fahey) Carriello's kids, son Nicholas (3) and daughter Bridget (18 months). Mea culpa. • **Chris Liscio** and **Ruowen Tao** were married twice in recent months: They exchanged vows first on a yacht in New York Harbor and then in China, Ruowen's home country. Dennis Higgins was best man. Guests in New York included **Chris and Kristen Kardos**, **Ingrid Ramos**, **Steve Nakamura**, **Susan Reeves**, **Lotus Donovan**, and **Steve Gallaway**. • **Azim Nakhoda** writes that he, wife Caren, and daughter Colleen Emily live in Shaker Heights, OH. Azim is a partner in a firm specializing in asset management and private equity. "Witnessing a Cleveland sports championship remains my unfulfilled life's dream," he says. • On July 15, 2006, **Neil Deininger** was best man at the wedding of **Travis Stewart** and **Sancie Petrovich** in New Preston Hill, CT. Guests included **Mike and Maura Cappiello**, **Jay Reichle**, **Liane (Gouthro) Cassavoy**, **Kim (Carroll) Iudice**, **Kristen (Canavan) Berbeco**, **Dana and Shawn Tubman**, **Bill Keane**, and **Lesley Mahoney**. **Travis** and **Sancie** are living in Bloomfield, CT, and **Travis** works at CBS/ESPN media net-

works. **Neil** is working for TGIC Wine Importers, representing top producers from Chile, Argentina, New Zealand, and Australia. • I had breakfast with **Ginny (Saino) McCormick** recently. She was in New York for Toy Fair, where she helped launch the new Rubik's cube. She and **Fritz**, her husband, have three little girls: **Grace**, **Cecelia**, and **Meg**. • Those of us who worked on *The Heights* mourned the recent death of former congressman and dean of the Law School, **Fr. Robert Drinan, SJ**. • **Cristin Callaghan** was volunteering recently in Biloxi, MS, on a Hurricane Katrina cleanup project. When she arrived at the volunteer staging area, she felt right at home: A big BC banner was hanging there, left by a previous group of volunteers.

## 1997 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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**Kevin Rose** and his wife, **Heather**, welcomed their first child, **Emma Grace Rose**, on New Year's Day. **Kevin** was attending **Tom Walsh's** wedding when he got the call that his wife was in labor and had the distinction of being the only father in the delivery area wearing a tuxedo. • **Tadd and Danielle Marie (Leonard) Lamminen** welcomed their first child, daughter **Hannah Danielle**, on December 16, 2006. • **Stephanie (D'Arcy) Nigito** was married in May 2005 to **Brian Nigito**. Fellow alums in attendance were **Lynn Gibson**, **Christiane (Canavan) Schaefer**, **Christopher Lalonde**,

**Kevin was attending Tom Walsh's wedding when he got the call that his wife was in labor and had the distinction of being the only father in the delivery area wearing a tuxedo.**

**Nate '96** and **Karen (Tanzia) Uttaro**, **Matthew Riccio**, **Brian Connor '90**, **Helen (Revis) Connor**, **Elizabeth Powers**, **Cristin Welch**, **Dan Bachiochi**, and **Paul Geis**. **Stephanie** and **Brian** now live in Manhattan with their son, **Sean Darcy**, who was born on June 2, 2006. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit [www.bc.edu/classes/1997](http://www.bc.edu/classes/1997) or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

## 1998

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**Maggie Villamana** was married in April 2006 to **Matt Vuturo** in Tucson, AZ. BC alumni in attendance included **Abby Gustafson** (a bridesmaid), **Laura Armstrong**, **Sarah Cue**, **Kysa (Edsall) Crusco**, **Trish Moroney**, **Erin Gibbons**, **Mike Pawlik**, and **Michele Welch**. **Maggie** and **Matt** love living in Tucson, where **Maggie** is in the third year of her urology residency. • **Katherine Crawford** and **Patrick Maloney (UNH '98, University College Cork '00)** were married in Durham, NH, on August 19. BC alums who attended the wedding were **Beth (Agli) Trinks**, **Debbie Dombrowski**, and **Lisa (Kimball) Gown**. The **Maloneys** reside in Woodbridge, VA, and work in Fairfax. • **Laurie (Townsend) Jankowski** was married to **Marcin Jankowski** on June 11, 2005. He is a Penn State undergrad and went to the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. BC alumni attending the wedding were **Amy (Van Eepoel) Valentine**, **Jamie (Boteler) Stratford**, and **Beth Millea**, who caught the bouquet. **Laurie** received her master's degree in social work from the University of Pennsylvania in 2000, and currently works on the Child Study Team for a school in New Jersey. The **Jankowskis** are living in Cherry Hill, NJ, while **Marcin** completes his surgical residency. • In September 2006, **Darcy (Lynch) Dawson** completed her first Ironman in Madison, WI. The race was a culmination of over 20 triathlons since graduation. Her third-place age group finish qualified her for the 2007

World Championships in Kona, HI. In the meantime, she was looking forward to running as a BC alum in the Boston Marathon in April. • **Josephine Sciarrino** met up with me in Chicago during a weekend visit. She attended the Chicago Canine Rescue Foundation Mutt Strut event that I organized. • **Sean Mills** also contacted me as he was driving through Chicago. I met up with him at a bar in Lincoln Park to watch a Bills

football game. • **Jamie (Boteler) Stratford** and her husband, Jeff, welcomed their first child, Luke Gorman Stratford, on August 27. They live Centreville, VA, and both teach in Fairfax County. Jamie is an elementary reading teacher, and Jeff teaches first grade. • **Jocelyn (Cavanna) Graseck** and her husband, Peter, had a baby boy, Foster, in July. • **Joe and Mary (Kenda) Allen** had a baby boy, Colby Kenda, on August 18, 2006.

## 1999

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Hello, Class of 1999. Thank you for the updates and please keep them coming. Here is the news. • On December 4, 2006, Colleen (Doyle) Paletta '00 and **Damian Paletta** welcomed to the world Connor Joseph Paletta. The little Eagle is doing great and can't wait for his first BC football game. • **Jake Matthews** is currently living in New York City and is a partner at 10e20, LLC, a search engine marketing and Web development firm based in Westchester. • In August 2002, **Monica (Lissade) Rivière** married Jean-Marc Rivière in Haiti, where she has been living since graduation. Their daughter Chiara was born in November 2003, and son Luca was born in July 2006. Monica owns two preschools in Pétion-Ville and has about 400 students between the two. • **Rebecca (Stronach) '98** and **Craig Kowalski JD '02** welcomed their first child, Isabella Rachel, on November 10, 2006.

Brooklyn for several years and now is an in-house attorney for Hereford Insurance Company. • A little update on me, **Matt Colleran**. When this is published I will have completed the 2007 Boston Marathon as a member of the Dana Farber Cancer Research Team. My wife, Laura Thompson '97, and I still live in Brookline and I am working as the category manager of the NFL, MLB, and NHL sport licensed footwear at Reebok. We still love Boston and plan on spending most weekends this summer on the Cape in Chatham, so shoot me an e-mail if you are in the area and want to do some lobstering. • **Emily Wildfire** and I look forward to hearing more updates from all of you. Enjoy the warm weather!

## 2000

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Happy spring, Class of 2000! As usual, I have some wonderful news to share with all of you. • **Erin '01** and **Jared Leland** and their daughter, Kate, recently relocated to Pittsburgh. Jared is an attorney in the corporate practice group of Keevican Weiss Bauerle & Hirsch LLC, and Erin manages a private holistic health-care practice as an integrative nutritionist. • **Allison Skibbs** married Andrew Welch of Woodinville, WA, on September 3, 2005, in Lakewood, WA. The Welches currently reside on Gig Harbor, WA, and both are real estate

has worked in sales for the Procter & Gamble Company as a category development manager. The couple lives in the seacoast area of New Hampshire. • **Andrew Nation** and **Sophia Pogogeff** were married on September 30, 2006, at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. John the Theologian in Tenaflly, NJ. Andrew received an MA in organic chemistry from Columbia University in 2003 and is currently a research scientist in oncology at Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in Princeton, NJ. Sophia is a certified public accountant with Pogogeff & Lafharis, CPAs LLC, based in Fort Lee. The couple now resides in Scotch Plains, NJ. • **Jeanne E. Tyhacz** and **Ryan D. Burns** were married in Brookfield, CT, on October 28, 2006. Jeanne and Ryan currently reside in Ludlow, VT. • **Jennifer (Rath) Caggiano** and her husband, Joe, joyfully welcomed a baby boy, Nicholas Joseph, on November 26, 2006. • **Michael Cook** and his wife, Pam, welcomed their second child, Lilly Grace, on December 11, 2006. Lilly joins big sister Kendall. • **Lindsay** and **Stephen Holland** welcomed their third child, Simone Adeline, on December 13, 2006. She joins sister Sydney (4) and brother Stephen (2). • **Fiorella Valdesolo** sent a note saying that her first book has been published by Rizzoli. Titled *Pretty, The NYLON Book of Beauty*, it was written in association with NYLON magazine, where Fiorella is the beauty director. • It's hard to believe that it has already been seven years since our graduation from the Heights. Thanks for continuing to send the updates to share with our fellow classmates!

## 2001

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Happy spring, Class of 2001! Thank you to all those who have submitted information for our class notes. We are glad to know so many of you are doing well. Don't forget to send me the news at bostoncollege01@hotmail.com, or submit online via the alumni connection. Keep 'em coming! • **Jared Fields** writes that he has even more news to add after the birth of his son! He accepted a new position as a litigation associate in the Salt Lake City office of Howrey LLP. He started in the new year, and we wish him the best of luck! Let's hope baby Clayton is a good sleeper! • **Lisa (Grandy) Pereira** and

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• **John Hyland** got married on November 3, 2006, to Maria Sciortino (whom he met while in St. John's Law School, Class of 2002). BC members of the wedding party included **Bob Cronin** and **Doug Gray**. Other BC attendees were **Steve Di Rico**, **Jack O'Malley**, and **Mike Trabulsi '93**. The Hylands reside in Bayside, NY. John was working as an assistant district attorney in

brokers with Windermere Real Estate. • **Sumantha "Sumi" Selvakumar** married Jeffery Sedor in Omaha, NE, on May 28, 2006. Sumi is a corporate attorney at Chadbourne & Parke LLP. The couple currently lives in Hoboken, NJ. • **Kellie Misiaszek** married Joe Ebert on August 25, 2006, in Rye, NH. After receiving her MBA from Bentley College in 2005, Kellie



her husband, Victor, doubled their joy when they welcomed a second baby boy! Lucas Grandy Pereira was born on January 3. His big brother, Jake, absolutely adores him. Congrats to Jake on his new little brother! And good luck to Lisa and Victor! • On November 18, alums Kaitlin Anderson and Kevin Fiore were married on the beaches of Sanibel Island, FL. Sarah Ames, Jessye Ball, Amy Carlson MSW '04, Danielle Colon, Meghan (McCarthy) Capp, and Abigail Garofalo were bridesmaids. Travis Borden, Brian Moore '00, and Matthew Rush were groomsmen. Erin Cromack was a reader. Other BC alums attending the nuptials included Michael Byrnes '74, Taylor Byrnes '04, Jennifer Hill, Carol Kitay, Lauren (Moore) Calcasola '96, Patricia (Kennedy) Moore '69, Stefanie Sandello, Marcelo Serafini, and Stacey Whelan. Best wishes to the happy couple!! • Kristie (Wright) '02 and

July 29, 2006. The couple was married at San Marino Community Church in San Marino, CA, with a candlelight dinner reception at the Jonathan Club in Los Angeles. Class of 2002 alumni in the wedding party included bridesmaids Lindsey Hambleton and Evonne Maokhamphiou and groomsmen Kevin McSherry and Omar Kazimi. Other alumni in attendance included Rosemary Doherty, Erin Holmes, John Cagney, Jennifer Kennedy, Ryan Mulderrig, Kevin Burke, Kevin Walsh, Steven LeBlanc, Brian Harney, Stephen Della Penna, David McGowan, Vince Cordero, Thuvan Nguyen '04, and Robert Kalutkiewicz. Megan is a product manager with Newell Rubbermaid, and Christopher is an account executive with Whyville.net. The couple honeymooned in Paris and Cannes and now make their home on Lake Norman near Charlotte,

William Benedict '04. The couple honeymooned in San Francisco and Yosemite National Park and are now living in Ithaca, NY, where Jim is pursuing an MBA at Cornell, and Meghan is working as a women's health nurse practitioner.

• Martha K. Plante was selected for a spring semester clerkship with Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) on the Senate Judiciary Committee. Martha is a second-year law student at the American University's Washington College of Law in Washington, DC. She is a junior staff member on the *American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law*, serves as vice president of the Women's Law Association, sits on the Special Projects Committee for the Student Bar Association, and teaches a class on constitutional law and rights at a DC public high school through the law school's Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Fellowship Program. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit [www.bc.edu/classes/2002](http://www.bc.edu/classes/2002) or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

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Frank Morano welcomed their first child, Frank Joseph Ashley, on November 22, 2006. The couple had a lot to be thankful for this holiday season. In addition to their beautiful son, Frank graduated from the Seton Hall University School of Law in May 2006 and passed both the New Jersey and the New York bar exams. He is currently clerking for the Honorable N. Peter Conforti, JSC, in Morris County, NJ. Kristie received her master's degree in special education from Rutgers University and works as a teacher in Warren Township, NJ. The family resides in Bridgewater. Welcome to the world, baby Frank! • James-Ryan Fagan JD '06 is an associate in the corporate department of the Boston law firm Choate Hall & Stewart LLP. Congrats!

NC. • Congratulations to Steve Marini and Katie Higgins, who were married on July 22, 2006, in Huntington, NY. Bridesmaids included Christine Johnsen, Corie Davino, and Karlyn (Marini) Folan '97. Groomsmen included best man Sean Gillespie, Brian Madden, and Peter Folan '97. Many other members of the Class of 2002 were in attendance. Steve and Katie currently live in Waltham, MA. • Congratulations also to James Bride and Meghan Kane, who were married on June 24, 2006, at St. Ignatius by Fr. James Skehan, SJ, who founded the undergrad geology/geophysics program from which Jim graduated. Bridesmaids included Kelly Langton, Courtney Chapman, and Laura Panneton. Groomsmen included Spruille Braden, David Grosso, Michael Barry, and John Thomas. The bride's parents are BC alums Kevin '75 and Anne (O'Connor) Kane '75. Present at the wedding were Raymond Albright, Bryan Bonk, Allison Cahill, Tim Davis, Robert Gall, Austin Lee, Timothy Landry, Benjamin and Katie (Basta) Kadamus, Lisa Kahle, Michelle Marling, Benjamin Slaughter, Keri Sullivan, Michael Walton, and Meaghan Hollenbeck. Other attendees included Andrew Frey '01, Sean '01 and Kadie (Steinberg) Whalen '01, and

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The orchestra played "For Boston" to the cheers of BC friends as Megan Maloof and Christopher Murphy were introduced at the reception following their marriage on

Year by Rear Admiral Brian Prindle, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Group. Stephen's next set of orders in January was with the Joint Intelligence Center Pacific, where he is serving in the North Korea division. • **Victoria Lindo JD '06** has joined Choate Hall & Stewart as an associate in the firm's litigation department. • On a sad note, I regret to report the passing on December 27, 2006, of **Thomas Lueders**, who died of carbon monoxide poisoning while vacationing with his father in Florida. • Please keep me posted on all your news...

## 2004

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Greetings from Iraq! Please note the new name and e-mail address above. I married Sean Michael Chase (also in the Army) on February 10. In attendance were **Brianne Moskovitz**, **Katie Stinken**, and **Courtney Valentine**. • In other wedding news, **Kelly Smith** and **Peter DeMartini** were married on June 25, 2005, in Waterville, ME. Members of our class in attendance included **Elizabeth Abbott** (maid of honor), **Maureen Josephsen** (bridesmaid), and groomsmen **Michael Kelly**, **Paul Wenger**, **Michael McMahon**, and **David Faleris**. Other members of our class in attendance included **Nicole Privitera**, **Ed White**, **Katie Erno**, **Elyse Calvo**, **Matt Thornton**, **Hannah Sonneborn**, **Jennifer Chow**, **Sarah Alvarez**, **Katie Weiss**, and **Amy Chapman**. Theology professor **Stephen Pope** also attended the ceremony. Pete is currently in his second year at Syracuse University College of Law, and Kelly is pursuing a PhD in clinical psychology at Syracuse University. They currently live in Syracuse. • **David Pedulla** received the Award of Promise at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School for his work as an advocate for the poor. David is a 2000 graduate of L-S High School and was recognized for exemplifying the ideals of service to mankind.

## 2005

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**Andrew Logan** joined Akamai Technologies in January as a software engineer in its Cambridge headquarters. He is currently working as a member of a team that writes and maintains tools used to pass information through Akamai's global content-delivery network. • **Julienne Penza** is interning at Trinity Repertory Company in Providence, RI, while pursuing her MFA in Rhode Island College's Performance and Society program. She has acted in *This Is Our Youth* and directed *The Heidi Chronicles* for the Epic Theatre Group. This past fall, she

campaign. Joe is working in the Office of Economic Development as an administrative assistant to the secretary. • On a musical note, **Will** and **Anthony Nunziata** were invited by Carl Topilow and the Cleveland Pops Symphony Orchestra to be the featured soloists on February 9 in Severance Hall. They sang several duets, including "Anything You Can Do" from *Annie Get Your Gun*, "Agony" from *Into the Woods*, "Lily's Eyes" from *The Secret Garden*, "Our Time" from *Merrily We Roll Along*, "You're Nothing Without Me" from *City of Angels*,

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played Catherine in RIC's mainstage production of *The Foreigner*. • **Tony Hale** continues to pursue his interest in film editing. He has worked as an editor, producer, co-producer, and postproduction coordinator on several short films, Internet videos, and documentaries. His current project is a short film entitled *Can-Can*. Tony is working towards a citation in multimedia and digital content at Harvard University. • **Shannon Browne** married Nathan Rosenberg in Las Vegas on November 18, 2006. Alumni in attendance were bridesmaid **Valeria Castanaro**, **Alison Gauchat**, **Jeff Gallotta**, **Lain Anderson**, and **Alisha Cutler**. The groom's sister, **Thayer Rosenberg '09**, was a bridesmaid. The couple currently resides in Las Vegas.

## 2006

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We want to begin this column by remembering in a special way fellow Eagle **Timothy Wenger** of Duxbury, who passed away on November 10, 2006. He will be greatly missed by all in the Boston College community. • In the government arena, **Joe Capuano** has joined the Deval Patrick administration after serving as Patrick's driver during his 2006 gubernatorial

and "Love Is Sweeping the Country" from *Of Thee I Sing*. • In international news, **Margaret Hepp** has begun a yearlong term as editorial assistant with Amazwi, a South African non-profit start-up focused on empowering rural women through narrative journalism. Amazwi (meaning "voices" in Zulu) has embarked on three projects to achieve its goals of education, preservation, and empowerment: the Amazwi School of Media Arts (SOMA); *A Magazine*, the first nonfiction literary magazine dedicated to Africa; and Amazwi Writers and Artists Residency Program (WARP). She works alongside nine other volunteers from the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia. • **Nora Ganey** is one of approximately 20 US volunteers from the WorldTeach organization who are teaching English in Chilean schools and institutes during the current school year. After arriving in Santiago, she met on February 15 with US Ambassador Craig Kelly at the US embassy there. The WorldTeach organization is affiliated with Harvard University's Center for International Development and has organized similar programs in Chile since 2004.

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Fay Donohue MBA '80 is the chief executive officer of DentaQuest, which administers government dental programs. Fay has more than 25 years of experience in the health-care industry, having previously held positions as executive vice president of Delta Dental of Massachusetts and

• Daniel Murphy MA '78 is the dean of academic affairs and chief academic officer at Herkimer County Community College in New York. After earning his master's in English at BC, Daniel received a PhD in communication and rhetoric from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He has received

**He has worked as an editor, producer, co-producer, and postproduction coordinator on several short films, Internet videos, and documentaries. His current project is a short film entitled *Can-Can*.**

vice president of planning and marketing at Chartwell Home Therapies. • Pat Hillman MBA '79 chaired an event at the McMullen Museum for the Council for Women of Boston College. The event was cohosted by the museum. • Monica Chandra MBA '87 is the new chair of the Communications and Marketing Committee for the Council for Women of Boston College. The council is dedicated to furthering the role of alumnae as leaders and active participants in the University.

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Vivian Seide Sternweiler MS '82 is the coordinator of the wound program at New England Sinai Hospital. She has more than 20 years of experience in providing wound care consultation for patients with hard-to-heal wounds. Vivian joined the Sinai Wound Center staff in 2004; prior to that, she served as a medical/surgical nurse specialist at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

## GSAS

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William Berlinghoff MA '63 has received the Beckenbach Book Prize for a book he cowrote with Fernando Gouvea, *Math through the Ages: A Gentle History for Teachers and Others* (Oxton House). Established in 1986, the prize is awarded to the author of an innovative book published by the Mathematical Association of America.

awards for excellence in teaching from the State University of New York as well as from the SUNYIT Student Association. • Michael R. Miller PhD '00 has published a new book, *Doing More with Life: Connecting Christian Higher Education to a Call to Service* (Baylor University Press, 2007), which makes the case that higher education fosters a sense of vocation. Specifically, the book shows that higher education can clarify how God calls all people, allow mentoring across specific vocations, and inspire future generations to think of their lives as vocations. Michael is an assistant professor of philosophy at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD.

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Alicia MA '01 and Bryan Dunphy-Culp MA '00 welcomed their first child, Molly Elizabeth, on January 3. • Daniel Egan MA '98 is the president of the Rhode Island Independent Higher Education Association, the membership association comprising Rhode Island's eight independent colleges and universities. Daniel previously served as chief of staff in the Office of the Dean of Medicine and Biological Sciences, Division of Biology and Medicine, Brown University. • Felicia L. Wilczenski CAES '78 has published *A Practical Guide to Service Learning: Strategies for Positive Development in Schools* (Springer, 2007). She is a professor and chair of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, Graduate College of Education, University of Massachusetts Boston.

## WCAS

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Kathie Cantwell McCarthy '75 sent a wonderful letter about the McCarthy family during the Christmas season. Kathie and Bill '74 are active in local activities in Framingham. They are town meeting members, and Bill is involved with the Ways & Means Committee. Kathie is the treasurer of the League of Women Voters. Both are active at St. Bridget's Parish. Bill is an usher, and Kathie sings in the choir and teaches seventh-grade CCD. Kathie is involved with Bill's accounting firm. Congratulations to their son Tom, who has been in training at the Police Academy in Quincy and is now with the Framingham Police Department. Also, congratulations to their daughter Sheila, who graduated from Columbia School of Social Work in 2006 and is now working for the Kings County District Attorney's Office. Congratulations to their son Tom, who has been in training at the Police Academy in Quincy and is now with the Framingham Police Department. Also, congratulations to their daughter Sheila, who graduated from Columbia School of Social Work in 2006 and is now working for the Kings County District Attorney's Office. • For the past three years, Christian Kaufmann '94 has been president and owner of Gold's Gym Westborough. He previously worked in sales and marketing at Bestfoods-Unilever. • Condolences are extended to Frank McLaughlin '54 and Eugene J. McLaughlin '61 on the death of their brother James, who died in January. Please be assured of prayers for the McLaughlin family. • If you have any news, please write me a note. Happy spring!

# OBITUARIES

## 1920s

**Allan J. McCarthy** '29 of Arlington on March 11, 2007. He is survived by six children.

## 1930s

**Anna T. Connor** MSW '39 of Holyoke on February 12, 2007. A social worker for 23 years, she is survived by a nephew and a niece. **George W. Cosgrove** MEd '39 of Lynn on March 18, 2007. An Army veteran of World War II and the Korean War, he was a retired principal of Pickering Junior High School in Lynn.

**John T. Crowley** '39 of Woburn on January 23, 2007. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was a retired executive of the Verizon Foundation. He is survived by his wife and four children.

**Dominic J. DeStefano Jr.** '35 of Scituate on February 3, 2007. A Navy lieutenant commander in World War II, he is survived by two children.

**William L. Donovan** '39 of Scituate on January 28, 2007. A retired bank president, he is survived by his wife and six children.

**James E. Jobin** '37 of Hudson on January 2, 2007. A baseball player at Boston College, he played third base for the St. Louis Cardinals. He is survived by six children.

**John J. McGillicuddy** '34 of Framingham on January 14, 2007. An Army veteran of World War II, he was an orthopedic surgeon for Boston College and the Boston Red Sox. He is survived by five children.

**James J. Noonan** '34, MA '37 of Somerville on March 12, 2007. He was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II.

**Charles P. Paone** JD '35 of Malden on March 24, 2007. An Army veteran of World War II, he was a retired superintendent of the Revere school system.

**William J. Power**, SJ '35, MA '36 of Weston on January 12, 2007. Retired from teaching at Boston College High School, he is survived by fellow members of the Jesuit community.

## 1940s

**Mary Murphy Bean** MS '42 of Arlington on January 23, 2007. She is survived by her husband and four children.

**S. John Bellissimo** '43 of Mansfield on January 15, 2007. A Navy veteran of World War II, he retired from Raytheon as an industrial engineer. He is survived by his wife and three children.

**Virginia Bradley** '49 of Titusville, FL, on March 8, 2007.

**George Bray** '43 of Milton on January 13, 2007. He is survived by his wife and seven children.

**John B. Bulman** '42 of East Haven, CT, on February 5, 2007. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was a physics professor at Central Connecticut State University for 41 years. He is survived by his wife and seven children.

**Catherine W. Connolly**, SND '42, MEd '59 of Beverly on December 25, 2006. She spent 33 years of her 60-year ministry in Japan.

**Rev. James H. Connolly** '47 of Bellingham on February 2, 2007. Ordained in 1948, he was pastor at St. Blaise in Bellingham for 27 years.

**Robert F. Drinan**, SJ '42, MA '45 of Washington, DC, on January 28, 2007. A former congressman and dean of the Boston College Law School from 1956 to 1970, he is survived by members of the Jesuit community and a sister-in-law.

**Frederic G. Garth** '47 of Beverly on February 12, 2007. A retired systems analyst, he is survived by his wife and daughter.

**Terrence J. Geoghegan** '42 of Hingham on December 30, 2006. He is survived by three children.

**Thomas P.R. Hinchey** '42 of Needham on December 30, 2006. A retired neurosurgeon, he is survived by seven children.

**Joseph W. Khoury** '43 of West Bridgewater on March 21, 2007. He is survived by his wife and four children.

**Louis J. Kidhardt** '40 of New Holland, PA, on March 15, 2007. He served in the US Army during World War II as a lieutenant colonel and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart. He worked for Sperry-New Holland for 32 years. He is survived by two sons.

**Robert J. Lawler** '48 of Osterville on January 29, 2007.

**Robert W. Mangene** '45 of Fort Myers, FL, on March 23, 2007. A US Marine during World War II, he landed in one of the first waves on Iwo Jima. He later served in the Korean War. He is survived by his wife and four children.

**Thomas J. McEntee** '45 of Foxfire Village, NC, on March 26, 2007. He maintained a dental practice in Brookline and Westwood for more than 45 years. He is survived by two daughters and one sister.

**Walter Nardelli** MEd '41 of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, on February 16, 2007. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. He held teaching and administrative positions at several high schools and colleges in Vermont.

**James J. O'Neill** '48 of Brant Rock on January 2, 2007.

**Robert W. Power** '40 of Waltham on January 12, 2007. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was a longtime educator in the Waltham school system. He is survived by two children.

**Francis L. Reade Jr.** '43 of Waltham on January 4, 2007. A former chairman of the City of Waltham's Board of Assessors, he also served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He is survived by three children.

**Bernard L. Willett** '45 of Marblehead on January 23, 2007. A retired physician, he is survived by his wife and son.

**Daniel C. Yuill** '42 of Swampscott on February 14, 2007. He served in the Navy Dental Corps during World War II and later had a dental practice in Lexington for 40 years. He is survived by four children.

## 1950s

**James A. Blair** '50 of Dennis Port on February 14, 2007. An Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, he was a retired civil engineer. He is survived by his wife and two children.

**Marie Callahan Blair** '51 of Windsor, ME, on January 15, 2007. She was a retired educator. **Herbert J. Bober** '50, JD '57 of Chatham on January 8, 2007.

**Alfred F. Breen** '51 of Milton on February 1, 2007. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was a retired history teacher. He is survived by his wife.

**Cornelius F. Buckley** '51 of Norwood on February 28, 2007. Predeceased by his wife, he is survived by 10 children.

**George E. Buckley** '56 of Cohasset on February 25, 2007. He is survived by his wife and four children.



**William E. Calarese** '57, MBA '66 of Windsor, CT, on December 31, 2006. A certified public accountant for over 40 years, he is survived by his wife and three children.

**Paul P. Callahan** '51 of Malden on January 3, 2007. A retired assistant principal, he is survived by his wife and five children.

**Paul J. Cameron** '51, MA '54 of Hanson on February 14, 2007. He is survived by his wife and seven children.

**George B. Crane** JD '55 of Pittsfield on January 23, 2007. Recently retired as the Pittsfield defense attorney, he was honored by the Committee for Public Counsel Services for his work with the state's public defenders. He is survived by five children.

**Edward W. Day Jr.** JD '57 of Jamestown, RI, on February 28, 2007. A Navy veteran, he was an attorney and a former Cranston city solicitor. He is survived by three children.

**F. Leo Delory** '52 of West Harwich on March 26, 2007. He is survived by his wife and six children.

**Gerard P. Donahoe** '55 of Winchester on December 24, 2006. A Navy veteran, he was the head of the work study program at Somerville High School until his retirement. He is survived by his wife and four children.

**Paul E. Duffy** '51 of Winchester on February 22, 2007. A Navy veteran, he had a dental practice in Malden for many years. He is survived by his wife and five children.

**William J. Dunn**, SM MED '56 of Cambridge, on January 14, 2007. He is survived by three siblings.

**Rev. Joseph H. Fellin**, CSS MA '51 of Waltham on January 25, 2007. He had been a member of the Stigmatine Fathers & Brothers since 1932.

**Louis E. Ferri** '58 of Framingham on March 11, 2007. An Air Force veteran of the Korean War, he was the owner of the Limelight restaurant in Southborough. He is survived by his wife and three siblings.

**Andrew J. Fichera** '50 of Jackson, NH, on March 19, 2007. He is survived by his wife and four children.

**Louis A. Florio** '54 of South Yarmouth on March 7, 2007. He is survived by his wife and five children.

**John L. Foley** '56, MED '62 of Chestnut Hill on March 18, 2007. An employee of Boston College for 58 years, he is survived by several nieces and nephews.

**Daniel J. Garvey** LLB '57 of Lincoln, RI, on January 26, 2007. A former educator and lawyer, he was a professor emeritus at the Community College of Rhode Island. He is survived by his wife and a son.

**Jack J. Golden** '51 of Gouldsboro, PA, on December 22, 2006.

**Donald C. Gross** '55 of Newbury, NH, on January 15, 2007. An Army veteran of World War II, he owned one of the first Miracle-Ear Center franchises. He is survived by his wife and six children.

**Ann Donovan Haskins** '54 of North Haverhill, NH, on December 31, 2006. A registered nurse at Cottage Hospital in Woodsville, NH, for nearly 40 years, she is survived by her husband and four children.

**Thomas F. Higgins** '51 of Milton on December 23, 2006. An Army veteran of the Korean War, he was a former executive of John Hancock Insurance Company. He is survived by his wife.

**Philip E. Hopkins** '53, MED '63 of Danvers on January 23, 2007. A retired Raytheon executive, he is survived by his wife and three children.

**Frances L. Hurley** MSW '53 of Walpole on March 11, 2007. She is survived by three siblings.

**Vincent F. Jackmauh** '51, MED '53 of Quincy on January 16, 2007. Retired from Boston Latin where he was a teacher and counselor for over 35 years, he also was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He is survived by his wife and three children.

**John M. Keegan** '55 of Charlestown on March 13, 2007. An Army veteran of World War II, he received the Purple Heart. A retired employee of the US Postal Service, he is survived by two siblings.

**Paul J. Kelley** '58 of Framingham on March 19, 2007. An Army veteran of the Korean War, he was a retired employee of the US Postal Service. He is survived by his wife, daughter, and brother.

**William A. Larkin Jr.** '50 of Avon by the Sea, NJ, on January 15, 2007. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was the former director of technology at Arkema Inc. and held numerous patents. He is survived by his wife and seven children.

**Jeremiah M. Long** JD '52 of Bellevue, WA, on March 7, 2007. An officer in the Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps, he served in the Pentagon during the Korean War. An attorney, he was the coauthor of *Tax-Free Exchanges Under Code Section 1031*. He is survived by his wife and five children.

**Frank J. Lynch** '54 of Sacramento, CA, on January 26, 2007. An Army veteran, he is survived by three children.

**Mary L. Lynch** MSW '50 of South Hadley on December 17, 2006.

**Dorick V. Mauro** '56 of Winchester on March 17, 2007. He is survived by his wife and three children.

**Joseph P. McCrorey** MSW '56 of Brighton on March 26, 2007. He is survived by his wife and six children.

**Stephen D. McDonald** '53 of Somerville on February 23, 2007.

**William H. McDonough** MSW '52 of Wilmington, DE, on February 26, 2007. An Air Force veteran of World War II, he was a family court master and marriage counselor. He is survived by three children.

**Patricia A. McGuinness** '54 of Foxboro on January 19, 2007. A clinical social worker who specialized in adoption, she is survived by three siblings.

**Peter J. McNally** '53 of Cedar Knolls, NJ, on January 28, 2007. A Marine officer in the Korean War, he was a business consultant and an ordained deacon in the Catholic Church. He is survived by seven children.

**Francis G. Merrigan** '56 of Quincy on March 20, 2007. A Marine Corps veteran, he is survived by his wife and five children.

**Daniel A. Miley** '54 of Holliston on March 4, 2007. An Army veteran of the Korean War, he was a retired senior vice president, chief financial officer, and treasurer of John Hancock Advisers. Active in Holliston politics, he held elected offices for 22 consecutive years. He is survived by his wife and four children.

**Dewey F. Mollomo** '50 of Melrose on February 14, 2007. An Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, he was founder and co-owner of Veterans Taxi for over 40 years. He is survived by his wife and five children.

**Augustine J. Moynihan** MA '59 of Contoocook, NH, on January 28, 2007. A social studies teacher at Hopkinton High School for 37 years, he is survived by his wife and three children.

**John L. Murphy Jr.** '50, JD '53 of Winthrop on March 1, 2007. A Navy veteran of World War II, he is survived by his wife and 10 children.

**John F. Newton** '51 of Windsor Locks, CT, on March 18, 2007. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was a portfolio manager at Travelers and Phoenix insurance companies. He is survived by four children.

**Kenneth W. Peters** MA '53 of Norwood on February 7, 2007. A Navy veteran of World War II, he is survived by four children.

**John J. Petrucci** JD '58 of Trumbull, CT, on February 24, 2007.

**Timothy J. Quinn** '51 of Norwood on February 7, 2007. A Coast Guard veteran of World War II, he is survived by his wife and six children.

**John E. Reardon** '51 of West Dennis on February 1, 2007. An Army veteran of the Korean War, he is survived by his wife and two children.

**Angela Pedorella Regine** MED '55 of Middletown, RI, on January 29, 2007. A special education consultant, she is survived by her husband and four children.



**William J. Renehan** '51 of Jupiter, FL, on February 27, 2007. An Army veteran of World War II, he is survived by his wife and four children.

**John R. Richards** '51 of South Hamilton on January 11, 2007. A retired technical writer, he served in the Army during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife and three children.

**Maryjane Shannon Seery** '56 of Monument Beach on December 28, 2006. Retired after 20 years as a public health nurse, she is survived by her husband and three children.

**Suzanne Cote Senerchia** '57 of East Greenwich, RI, on December 25, 2006.

**Timothy F. Sheehan** '50 of Rockland on February 3, 2007. A retired vice president at South Shore National Bank, he is survived by his wife and five children.

**Theodore H. Stegmaier Jr.** '50 of Framingham on December 21, 2006. An Army veteran of World War II, he is survived by two children.

**J. Stephen Sullivan** MA '55 of Lincroft, NJ, on January 9, 2007. He was a member of the Christian Brothers and the 17th president of Manhattan College in the Bronx.

**Ann T. Sweeney** '52 of Worcester on March 5, 2007. An Army nurse during World War II, she later worked as a nursing supervisor for several Veterans Administration hospitals.

**John J. Tanner** '56 of West Hartford, CT, on March 1, 2007. He worked for Aetna Insurance Company in Boston and later founded Tanner Insurance Agency in Hartford. He is survived by his wife and two children.

**Morton C. Titelbaum** '58 of Peabody on February 14, 2007. He is survived by his wife and three children.

**Frederick P. Valente** '50, MS '62 of Cambridge on January 6, 2007. A retired chemist, he is survived by one sister.

**Elizabeth Wood Vandini** '58 of Plymouth on June 14, 2005. A retired teacher in Plymouth, she is survived by her husband.

**Norman L. Vernon** '50 of Bedford on January 15, 2007. He is survived by his wife and three children.

**James D. Walsh** '58 of Lynn on December 19, 2006. A former executive of Tewksbury State Hospital, he is survived by his wife.

**George L. Watt** JD '54 of Walnut Creek, CA, on February 2, 2007. An Army veteran of World War II, he owned an insurance consulting firm in Washington, DC, and later served as a legal consultant for insurance agencies in Alabama. He is survived by his wife and three children.

**R. Joyce Welch** '53 of Needham Heights on January 29, 2007. A retired registered nurse, she is survived by two sons.

**Barbara P. White** '59 of Dartmouth on

March 6, 2007. She was a teacher in the New Bedford public schools for more than 20 years. She is survived by a brother.

**Raymond F. White** '53 of Fort Lauderdale, FL, on January 31, 2007. An Air Force veteran of World War II, he is survived by two children.

## 1960s

**Sebastian Barresi**, CFX CAES '65 of Danvers on January 26, 2007. A longtime educator and counselor, he is survived by his brothers in religion and two sisters-in-law.

**John P. Birmingham** '67, JD '70 of Osterville on February 24, 2007. He is survived by his wife and three children.

**Mary R. Bruton** MS '60 of Manchester, NH, on January 28, 2007. An educator and administrator at Saint Anselm College for 33 years, she is survived by a sister and several nieces and nephews.

**Kathleen Wall Byrne** '69 of Salem on March 3, 2007. She is survived by her husband and two children.

**Warren Carson** '63, MEd '65 of Framingham on February 10, 2007. A retired teacher, he is survived by his daughter.

**Marjorie E. Casey** '60 of Nahant on March 18, 2007. A retired teacher at the Montrose School in Wakefield, she is survived by her brother.

**Dorothy T. Castles**, SND MEd '62 of Lowell on January 30, 2007. A member of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur for over 39 years, she was a campus minister at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

**Edward J. Collins Jr.** '65, JD '68 of North Reading on January 29, 2007. Former deputy commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and chief financial officer of the City of Boston, he is survived by his wife and three children.

**James C. Crowley** '64 of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, on January 18, 2007. An attorney, he also was a member of the Massachusetts National Guard. He is survived by his wife and six children.

**Michael P. Derby** '60 of Barnstable on February 7, 2007. A former attorney, he is survived by his wife and four children.

**Rev. Michael F. Doocey** MEd '69 of Framingham on February 4, 2007. Ordained in 1952, he was the former pastor of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church in Newton.

**Anthony M. Fredella** JD '60 of Merrimac on January 6, 2007. An Army veteran of the Korean War and an attorney, he is survived by his wife and eight children.

**Marie E. Gagne** MA '63 of Worcester on January 18, 2007. A member of the Sisters

of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, she was a religious for 70 years and an educator for 47 years.

**Roland W. Golden Jr.** '61, MSW '64 of Green Harbor on February 4, 2007. A retired major in the Army Reserve, he is survived by his wife and two children.

**Elizabeth Carr Goldin** '64 of Stone Mountain, GA, on December 27, 2006. A former teacher at Morehouse College in Atlanta, she is survived by her husband.

**Terence J. Gorman** '67 of Scituate on February 4, 2007. An Army veteran and attorney, he is survived by his wife and two children.

**Paul J. Gramling** '66 of South Dartmouth on March 6, 2007. A longtime chief of emergency services at Saint Vincent Hospital in Worcester, he was the president of the Massachusetts chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. He was also an associate professor of medicine at the University of Massachusetts, Worcester. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

**Kevin C. Kynock** '64, MA '66 of Quincy on March 3, 2007. A former teacher at Boston College High School, he is survived by his sister-in-law and two nephews.

**Thomas F. Larner Jr.** '62 of Milton on February 13, 2007. A Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, he is survived by his wife and five siblings.

**William A. Long** JD '67 of Potomac, MD, on December 27, 2006. A former managing partner at a Washington, DC, law firm and the former undersecretary of defense during the Reagan administration, he is survived by his wife and six children.

**Paul Mormon Loving** MA '64 of Independence, MO, on February 19, 2007.

**Joseph P. Magno** '62 of Hudson on January 22, 2007.

**John L. Manning** '62 of Wayland on February 12, 2007. He is survived by four children.

**Rev. James P. McCaffrey**, SJ '65 of Weston on March 7, 2007. The assistant to the director of the Weston Observatory for more than 17 years, he is survived by four siblings and many Jesuit brothers.

**Rev. William H. Mullin** '61 of Quincy on March 20, 2007. He is survived by two brothers and a sister.

**Marilyn Fitzgerald O'Neil** '60 of South Dartmouth on January 17, 2007. A registered nurse, she is survived by her husband and three children.

**Michael J. O'Shea** MA '65 of Worcester on January 19, 2007. A longtime English professor at Assumption College, he is survived by his wife and two children.

**Kenneth J. Russell** JD '69 of Ponce Inlet, FL, on March 13, 2007. A former Russian



linguist in the Army Security Agency, he was the deputy general counsel at the US headquarters of Siemens AG. He is survived by his wife and two children.

**Richard F. Sanocki** '63 of Marstons Mills on February 5, 2007. He started his 30-year career in the computer industry at Honeywell and Bull before establishing a hardware storage company of his own. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

**Michael F. Smithers** '64 of Somerville on January 19, 2007.

**Suzanne Thornton** '60 of Brighton on March 1, 2007.

**Susan J. Visco** MEd '68, PhD '73 of Saugus on February 26, 2007.

## 1970s

**Gerard C. DiSchino** '78 of Saunderstown, RI, on March 10, 2007. He was president and CEO of The Hinckley Company of Portsmouth and was previously employed at the Norton Company in Worcester. He was also president of the Rhode Island Marine Trades Association and a member of the Newport County Chamber of Commerce. He is survived by his parents, wife, three children, and seven siblings.

**Frances Dart Dowd** '74 of Weston on March 28, 2007. She is survived by her husband and four children.

**John G. Flynn Jr.** '72 of Salem on January 18, 2007.

**Stephen M. Grimes** '72 of Ipswich on December 18, 2006. A project manager with Verizon for nearly 30 years, he is survived by three children.

**Patricia Moll Hynes** '73 of Toms River, NJ, on March 11, 2007.

**Thomas J. Jones Jr.** '72 of Woburn on February 16, 2007. The recreation director for the City of Woburn for 34 years, he volunteered as a coach, team manager, and official for a variety of youth sports programs. He is survived by three sisters.

**Paul Michael Kelley** '78 of West Roxbury on February 18, 2007. He is survived by seven siblings.

**Elizabeth W. Mark** PhD '76 of Waban on December 29, 2006. A retired clinical psychologist and Judaic scholar, she is survived by her husband and three sons.

**Bernard James Meehan Jr.** '77 of West Chester, PA, on March 19, 2007. He worked in the insurance industry for 25 years. He is survived by his wife and five children.

**Pearl J. Mottram** '76 of Brooksville, FL, on January 27, 2007.

**Mary A. McNiff** '72 of West Gardiner, ME, on February 19, 2007. A former registered

nurse, she is survived by two siblings.

**Frances O'Roak** MEd '71 of Port Charlotte, FL, on December 13, 2006. A former high school teacher for over 20 years, she is survived by her husband, two children, and nine stepchildren.

**Ruth Littlefield Ricchi** '71 of Scarborough, ME, on February 1, 2007. She is survived by her husband and four children.

**Stephen A. Skopelites** '71 of Londonderry, NH, on March 23, 2007. He was employed at Amphenol in Nashua for the past 10 years. He is survived by three daughters.

**Frank Anthony Vasile** '73 of Landing, NJ, on February 28, 2007. A systems manager at the Bank of New York in Florham Park, he is survived by wife and two children.

**Jacqueline Smith Vilimas** MEd '72 of Newton on March 23, 2007. She is survived by her husband and daughter.

**Michele Zalkind** MEd '78 of Brighton on December 22, 2006.

## 1980s

**David M. Fitzgerald** JD '84 of Wellesley Hills on February 3, 2007. A partner in a Boston law firm, he is survived by three children.

**Paul S. Sanford** MA '84 of Aptos, CA, on December 4, 2006. An attorney, he is survived by his wife, two children, and parents.

## 1990s

**Beverly Ann LeBlanc** MS '92 of Saugus on December 20, 2006. A pediatric nurse practitioner, she is survived by her mother, husband, and two sons.

**Keith A. McClanan** '91 of North Attleboro, on January 10, 2007. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and parents.

**William Meinhofer** MA '96, PhD '01 of Franklin on January 3, 2007. A director at the College of the Holy Cross and a professor at Boston College, he is survived by his parents and four children.

**David J. O'Malley** '93 of Jamaica Plain on January 29, 2007.

**William Stanley Pac** MA '90 of Schenectady, NY, on February 25, 2007. A professor of English and philosophy at Fulton-Montgomery Community College in Johnstown, he is survived by his mother and sister.

## 2000s

**Kristin Driscoll** '00 of Chestnut Hill on December 22, 2006. She is survived by her parents and two brothers.

**Mary E. Herd** MS '01 of Needham on January 18, 2007. An administrator for the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, she is survived by two children and her mother.

**Michele D. Johnson** '04 of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, on January 6, 2007. A student at Parsons School of Design in New York, she is survived by her parents and two siblings.

**Thomas P. Lueders** '03 of Washington, DC, on December 27, 2006. He is survived by his parents, sister, and grandparents.

### FACULTY AND STAFF DEATHS

- **Thomas E. Devlin Jr.**, Boston College police officer for 20 years, on April 6, 2007, at age 51. He is survived by his wife Trish, daughter Christine Warren, parents Thomas and Margaret, brother Michael, and sisters Catherine Gongoleski and Mary Wright.

- **Mary C. Donohue**, a clerk and receptionist in the development office for 37 years, on January 14, 2007, at age 91. She is survived by her daughters Marie Pabisz, JoAnne Donnellan, and Geraldine Woods.

- **John L. Foley**, Boston College employee for 58 years, on March 18, 2007, at age 78. He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

- **James P. McCaffrey**, SJ, assistant to the director of the Weston Observatory for more than 17 years, on March 7, 2007, at age 84. He is survived by his sisters Jane Coleman, Alice Dwyer, and Claire Brady, and brother John.

- **Pearl J. Mottram**, assistant budget director for 25 years, on January 27, 2007, at age 63. She is survived by her son Christian, and brothers Donald and Bill Smith.

*The obituary section is compiled from national listings and notices from family members and friends of alumni. The section includes only the deaths reported to us since the previous issue of Boston College Magazine. Please send information to: Office of University Advancement, More Hall 220, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.*

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

In March 2007, Boston College's Graduate School of Social Work hosted the nation's first conference on international social work. Representatives from more than 80 schools in some 30 states met to discuss best practices in the field. This summer, Assistant Professor Ce Shen will cochair the International Consortium of Social Development's symposium in Hong Kong.

BC's involvement in these two conferences points to the stature that the Graduate School of Social Work has attained over the past five years. The school is now recognized as a leader in preparing skilled and values-driven social work professionals who have hands-on experience in an international setting.

"Our international focus is one of the primary reasons that students choose to attend BC," notes Dean Alberto Godenzi, "and our global field placements, established in

partnership with top international relief and development agencies, are among the most sought-after." The school's global practice department offers students firsthand experience through field placements with organizations such as Catholic Relief Services, the Jesuit Refugee Service, Habitat for Humanity, and the International Rescue Committee.

During the spring 2007 semester, 11 students journeyed to four continents to work with orphans, teens, victims of domestic violence, and other vulnerable populations. More than half of the participating students were fluent in at least two languages, and all had prior experience either working or studying abroad. Field placements last for an entire semester and afford a deepened understanding of the opportunities and challenges inherent in international social work.

Lilly Iarrapino, MSW'07,



MSW candidates Tatiana Schettini and Meaghan Quinlan (front row), Brooke Konecny (second row, far left), and Elizabeth Condon and Linda Barnes (back row), shown in a secondary school classroom in a refugee camp in Mtibila, Tanzania.

traveled to Ethiopia to work with the International Rescue Committee on developing a social welfare program for adolescents. "It is almost surreal that opportunities I had only daydreamed about have become a reality," she says.

The global practice department has attracted faculty with

extensive teaching and research experience in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and Europe. Its core strength lies, however, in its alignment with a key tenet of Boston College's mission as a Jesuit, Catholic institution: to prepare students for "citizenship, service, and leadership in a global society."

## A FAMILY AFFAIR

*Mens sana in corpore sano*—"a sound mind in a sound body"—was a favorite expression of the late Richard F. Powers, Jr. '40. It has made a lifelong impression on his sons, Boston College Trustees Richard "Dick" F. Powers III '67 and John J. Powers '73. To recognize how important this philosophy has been to them,

the Powers brothers have endowed both an academic and an athletic scholarship at Boston College.

In 1993, they established the Powers Family Scholarship Fund for students in BC's Presidential Scholars Program, and most recently, Dick and John endowed the Richard F. Powers, Jr. '40

Quarterback Scholarship Fund.

"Dad always stressed the importance of balance in life—in particular, in academics and athletics. Endowing the Quarterback Scholarship Fund to complement the Powers Family Scholarship Fund is a very special and enduring way for us to memorialize what was so important to Dad," notes Dick.

In 1999, Dick and John also made a significant gift to BC and dedicated the Powers

Atrium in Fulton Hall to their parents. "We consider the contributions we have been able to make as investments in the future of BC," says John. "We are particularly delighted that we are able to support the athletic department at a time when it is excelling under Gene DeFilippo's leadership."

Dick adds, "Boston College has given so much to us and to our family. We are grateful to be able to give back a small part of what BC has given us."



University Trustee Susan M. Shea and William H. Shea, both Class of 1976 and Parent '04, have volunteered on their Class Gift Committee and hosted Boston College events at their home in Berwyn, Pennsylvania.



## DID YOU KNOW...

Boston College is one of only 20 private universities in the country that admit students based on their qualifications alone—without consideration of their ability to pay for tuition—and that meet each student's full financial need.

Compared to its peers among these universities, BC maintains its commitment to providing financial aid to all who need it while operating with a much smaller endowment. Having to rely heavily on annual giving and its operating budget to fund financial aid puts BC at a disadvantage when recruiting the best students.

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Columbia	\$5.9
Univ. of Chicago	\$4.9
Duke	\$4.5
Notre Dame	\$4.4
Cornell	\$4.3
Dartmouth	\$3.1
Brown	\$2.2
Boston College	\$1.4

<sup>1</sup>The figures were compiled by the National Association of College and University Business Officers for the year ending June 30, 2006. All data appeared in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

### WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES OR EXPERIENCES AT BC?

Most of our best memories from BC involve time spent with roommates and friends, which set the foundation for many lifelong friendships. We were both students in the School of Education, double-majoring in elementary education and special education. Starting during our freshman year, we gained invaluable experience by teaching in the community. This was a rare opportunity at the time and was one of the many great aspects of the School of Education. Another wonderful experience for us was returning to the campus to spend time with our son Andy, who graduated from BC in 2004.

### WHY DO YOU CHOOSE TO SUPPORT BC?

We feel strongly that every good thing in our lives started with BC. It provided us with not only the academic excellence that helped us lead successful careers, but also the social awareness to mature and to accept people of all kinds. We found our partners in life, our best friends, and the teaching profession. We are delighted to be able to give back to BC.

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## CAN MONEY BUY LOVE?

by Chris Berdik

When the rich run for office

What can \$60 million buy you these days? A few seaside mansions? A fleet of private jets? How about a seat in the U.S. Senate? That's roughly what Democratic political newcomer Jon Corzine, former Goldman Sachs chairman and now governor of New Jersey, shelled out for his senatorial victory in 2000.

From Steve Forbes (with his Republican presidential runs of 1996 and 2000) to Ned Lamont (Connecticut's 2006 failed Democratic senatorial candidate), recent election cycles have featured plenty of multimillionaires pouring their fortunes into bids for national office. These candidates often tout their independence from special interest money, while critics warn of plutocracy and the buying of elections. In the wake of Corzine's record personal spending, Congress attached a "millionaires' amendment" to the 2002 Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act, raising the cap on contributions for House candidates facing opponents who self-finance above a threshold of \$350,000 or, for Senate candidates, above an amount pegged to a state's voting-age population. But according to Jennifer Steen, a Boston College assistant professor of political science, the positive and negative impacts of self-financed candidates have both been "radically overstated."

In her book *Self-Financed Candidates in Congressional Elections* (2006), Steen, a former political consultant who helped run races in California and Idaho, analyzes the campaigns of 2,339 wealthy congressional candidates who underwrote runs for office between 1992 and 2000. She reports that while an aspirant's brimming bank account may have deterred some potential office-seekers or spurred efforts to augment an incumbent's war chest, a self-financed victory like Corzine's was rare and almost never translated into lasting freedom from the sway of big contributors.

Steen focused on challengers because incumbents' campaigns are hardly ever self-financed. In the elections she studied, 31 percent of challengers and open-seat candidates self-financed \$50,000 or more.

According to her analysis, the main advantage of self-financing is that it scares off experienced politicians from a primary challenge. The bigger the bankroll of a self-financer, the fewer seasoned opponents enter the race, and therefore the better the chance of a

wealth-enhanced primary win. In fact, Steen found that for wealthy primary candidates with no political experience in an open-seat contest, the deterrent effect of the first \$100,000 of self-financing translated into a 5 percent rise (to nearly 40 percent) in their chance of victory, and a 10 percent increase (to more than 60 percent) for the same money kicked in by politically experienced candidates. But the influence stopped short of the general election: Self-financing, according to Steen, "had no effect whatsoever on the quality of candidates running in the other party."

Steen also found little evidence of self-financed candidates grossly outperforming opponents in general elections. The average amount of self-financing was \$320,686 for Senate candidates and \$39,762 for House candidates, figures that pale compared to the average fundraising levels—\$1.1 million for the Senate and \$227,426 for the House.

Steen notes a genuine advantage for incumbents (who won 93 percent of reelection bids between 1992 and 2000), but sees no statistical reason for potential candidates to duck opponents who underwrite their campaigns. The "extreme self-financers" among Senate and House primary candidates were victorious just 42 and 37 percent of the time, respectively, while Senate and House challengers who relied on fundraising alone won 70 and 71 percent of the time, respectively.

As to why self-financed candidates achieve so little with so much cash, Steen hypothesizes that it's because fundraising is itself a political act, a garnering of votes along with dollars. "If you're able to raise a couple hun-

dred thousand from individuals and interests groups, that represents a lot of people supporting you," she said in an interview. "Whereas if you write yourself a check for a couple hundred thousand, that represents one person supporting you."

Even so, self-financers aren't as independent as they claim. Most fund their campaigns with self-loans they repay, if elected, from contributions. As Steen documents, successful deep-pocket candidates "assimilate very rapidly to the norms of fundraising."

Chris Berdik is a writer based in Boston. Steen's book may be ordered at a discount from the BC Bookstore via [www.bc.edu/bcm](http://www.bc.edu/bcm).







Visser at Reliant Stadium in Houston for Super Bowl XXXVIII, February 1, 2004

## Firsts in class

by Kevin Armstrong '06

Sportscaster Lesley Visser '75

Days before National Football League head coaches Tony Dungy and Lovie Smith became the first African-Americans to lead Super Bowl teams last January, they stood onstage alongside Lesley Visser at the event's opening ceremonies. "Look at us three here," said the Indianapolis Colts' Dungy, turning to Visser. "It's three pioneers on stage right now."

The scene was a fitting end to a season in which Visser's groundbreaking work as a sports broadcaster was honored with the Pete Rozelle Radio-Television Award by the Professional Football Hall of Fame. Visser began her career 33 years ago at the *Boston Globe*, on a Carnegie Foundation grant given to help women assimilate into traditionally male industries. After two years covering high school football, she became the first woman in the country to work an NFL beat when she took over as the *Globe's* primary reporter on the Patriots in 1976. But there were obstacles. Visser recalls an episode in 1984 when the New York Giants' ban on women in the locker room left her waiting in a nearby weight room to interview stars Phil Simms and Lawrence Taylor. Instead, the team sent out an offensive lineman who hadn't played in the game. "I endured hardships," she

says, "but nothing that compared to [the] second-class treatment" that many black athletes starting out at the same time went through.

Visser's move to the small screen was inspired in part by her sportscaster husband, Dick Stockton. After a decade at the *Globe*, she'd begun contributing to CBS's *NFL Today*; three years later, she joined the network. She has since reported from Wimbledon, the Triple Crown, the NBA Finals, and the men's college basketball Final Four; in 1997, Visser became the first female reporter to appear on *Monday Night Football*. But her time at the *Globe* never seems far off. "To this day I consider myself a writing guy first," says Visser, whose prose roots go back to covering BC lacrosse for the *Heights* student newspaper.

"People focus on [her] creating opportunities for women, but just as significant is the trail she has blazed for other writers," says CBS analyst Seth Davis, who works alongside Visser during her NCAA men's basketball coverage. "The only reason someone like myself has the chance to be on television is because Lesley came along first and showed that it could be done."

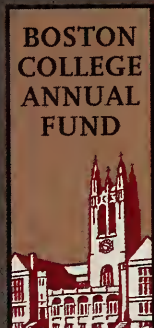
Kevin Armstrong reports for *Sports Illustrated*.



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